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FOR THE

Reformed Church

IN THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

1887

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation; and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Almanac for the Year of Our Lord 1887,

BEING A COMMON YEAR OF 365 DAYS.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter,	B	Solar Cycle,	20
Golden Number or Lunar Cycle,	7	Roman Indiction,	15
Epact,	6	Julian Period,	6600

The Jewish Era, with their 5648th year, commences 19th of September, 1887.
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1305th year, commences 19th of September, 1887.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 6.	Palm Sunday, April 3.	Trinity Sunday, June 5.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 20.	Easter Sunday, April 10.	Corpus Christi, June 9.
Shrove Tuesday, February 22.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 19.	1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27.
Ash Wednesday, February 23.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 29.	Sundays after Trinity are 24.

EMBER DAYS.

March 2. June 1. September 21. December 14.

THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters	♈	March 20th,	5	o'clock	10	minutes,	evening.
Summer Solstice,	" "	♋	June 21st,	1	"	8	"	evening.
Autumnal Equinox,	" "	♎	September 23d,	4	"	9	"	morning.
Winter Solstice,	" "	♑	December 21st,	10	"	20	"	evening.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1887.

There will be four Eclipses this year; two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, February 8th, 5 o'clock 3 minutes, morning; visible generally through the United States. Also visible in Pacific Ocean and Asia.

II. An Annular (or ring form) Eclipse of the Sun, February 22d, 2 o'clock 58 minutes, afternoon; invisible in the United States. Visible in South Pacific Ocean and near South America.

III. A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, August 3d, 3 o'clock 48 minutes, afternoon; therefore, invisible in America. Visible in West Asia and Russia.

IV. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, August 18th, 11 o'clock 11 minutes, in the evening; invisible in the United States. Visible in Europe and Asia, between the 52d and 53d Parallel of North Latitude, where it will be total.

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia by WILL. R. IBACH (*successor to L. J. Ibach*), *Newmanstown, Leb. Co., Pa.*

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1	*New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	11 49	2	♃ rises 12.34 ♉ ☋	4	7 23	4 37	6 47
1]		*Sunday after New Year.*	Matt. 2: 1–23; Isaiah 60: 1–6.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	2	Martyrs H Scrip	John 1: 29–34	morn.	15	2d. ☉ per. in ♄ rises 6 35	4	7 23	4 37	7 13
Monday	3	Gordius	" 1: 38–51	12 41	29	♀ sets 5 16	5	7 23	4 37	8 38
Tuesday	4	Titus	" 2:	1 38	13	Sirius south 11 40	5	7 22	4 38	9 12
Wednesday	5	Simeon	" 3:	2 29	26	Neptune ☌ ☽	6	7 22	4 38	9 57
Thursday	6	*Epiphany*	" 4:	3 28	13	☿ in ♉ 7* south 8 26	6	7 21	4 39	10 47
Friday	7	Wittekind	" 5:	4 27	27	♃ rises 12 22	7	7 20	4 40	11 42
Saturday	8	Severinus	" 6: 1–25	5 26	13	♀ in Aphelion. ♋	7	7 20	4 40	12 31
2]		1*st Sunday after Epiphany.*	Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	9	Catharine Zell	John 6: 26–71	☽ rises	26	9th. ♄ ☍ ☉ n. ☌ ☽	7	7 19	4 41	1 15
Monday	10	Paul of Thebes	" 7:	6 6	12	♀ sets 5 33	8	7 19	4 41	1 56
Tuesday	11	Fructuosus	" 8: 1–20	7 18	25	Orion south 10 16	8	7 18	4 42	2 44
Wednesday	12	J. Chastellain	" 8: 21–50	8 29	9	☽ in Per. ♐ sets 6 12	9	7 18	4 42	3 30
Thursday	13	Hilary	" 9:	9 38	22	Arctur rises 11 4	9	7 17	4 43	4 12
Friday	14	Felix	" 10: 1–21	10 45	5	♃ rises 11 59 ♌	9	7 17	4 43	4 46
Saturday	15	John a'Lasco	" 10: 22–42	11 49	17	Sirius south 10 50	10	7 16	4 44	5 27
3]		2*d Sunday after Epiphany.*	John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.*				
Sunday	16	Geo. Spalatine	Mark 1: 1–20	morn.	28	16th. ♃ ☌ ☽. ♄ in per.	10	7 15	4 45	6 26
Monday	17	Anthony	" 1: 21–45	12 50	21	7* south 7 42	11	7 14	4 46	7 25
Tuesday	18	John Blackader	" 2:	1 50	23	♀ sets 5 52	11	7 13	4 47	8 21
Wednesday	19	Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 1–19	2 47	5	Regulus rises 8 17	11	7 12	4 48	9 19
Thursday	20	Fabian & Sebas'n	" 3: 20–35	3 44	17	☉ enters ♒. ♄ south 11 18	11	7 11	4 49	10 18
Friday	21	Agnes	" 4:	4 34	29	Spica rises 11 50	12	7 11	4 49	11 17
Saturday	22	Vincent	" 5: 6: 1–16	5 22	11	☿ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 6 4 ♋	12	7 10	4 50	12 15
4]		3*d Sunday after Epiphany.*	Matt. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 42 min.*				
Sunday	23	Isaiah	Mark 6: 7–29	☽ sets	23	23d. ♃ rises 11 20	12	7 9	4 51	1 14
Monday	24	Timothy	" 6: 30–56	5 59	6	♃ □ ☉. ♀ ☌ ☽	12	7 8	4 52	2 6
Tuesday	25	*Paul's Convers'n*	" 7: 1–23	6 49	19	♄ ☌ ☽. Rigel south 8 38	13	7 7	4 53	2 43
Wednesday	26	Polycarp	" 7: 24–37	7 40	2	♀ sets 6 10	13	7 6	4 54	3 36
Thursday	27	Jno. Chrysostom	" 8:	8 39	15	Orion south 9 8	13	7 5	4 55	4 25
Friday	28	Charlemagne	" 9:	9 38	28	☽ in apo. ♉. Sirius south 10	13	7 4	4 56	5 17
Saturday	29	Juventin	" 10: 1–31	10 36	12	Arctur rises 10 1	14	7 3	4 57	6 7
5]		4*th Sunday after Epiphany.*	Matt. 8: 23–27; Rom. 13: 1–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 56 min.*				
Sunday	30	Henry Müller	Matt. 3:	11 35	26	♃ rises 10 54	14	7 2	4 58	6 47
Monday	31	Hans Sachs	" 4: 1–22	morn.	10	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14	7 1	4 59	8 26

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	2d,	7	o'clock,	20	minutes, morning.
Full Moon,	9th,	5	"	32	" evening.
Last Quarter,	16th,	10	"	22	" morning.
New Moon,	23d,	10	"	1	" evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, 14, cloudy; 15, 16, 17, cold and windy; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, 23, snow; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, 31, changeable.

(♄). Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 9th, and shines all night.

JANUARY.

"Rejoicing in hope."—Rom. xii: 12.

WILL you be my partner, pretty maiden?
Now the air with music gay is laden,
Ringing clear.
See how many little feet are glancing
In swift-measure, welcoming with dancing
This New Year.

Out of the doors the silver snow is flying,
And the bitter, winter winds are crying
Loud the while;
Yet we meet New Year with joy and laughter,
Soon we know will Winter pass, and after
Spring will smile.

At our feet the snow—the clouds above us.
Is it true? and *can* the good God love us?
Wait and see.
Break the clouds—blue Heaven with sunshine glowing!
Melt the snow—blue Heaven of violets flowing
Fair and free.

Then will birds sing out, forgetting sadness;
Daisies bloom, streams dance for very gladness;
Past their banks.
We know better than the birds and daisies;
We will be beforehand with our praises
Giving thanks.

Thanks in Winter, for the Summer's glory;
Thanks in dull days, for the joyful story
Yet to come;
In life's bitterness, for Heaven's sweetness;
In life's exile, for the dear completeness
Of our Home.

EPIPHANY.

THIS festival, which has been observed in the Church of Christ from the earliest times, always occurs on the sixth day of January. The word Epiphany means *a manifestation.* The cycle of the Epiphany Sundays begins with the manifestation of the infant Redeemer to the Magi, or "Wise men from the East." Epiphany Sunday proper was anciently known as "The Feast of the Three Kings." After it follows, in order, our Lord's appearance in the Temple at the age of twelve years, the manifestation of His glory in the miracle at Cana, the exhibition of His power in healing the sick and stilling the tempest on the sea. These, His mighty works, were truly epiphanies of His divine majesty and power, and through them "He manifested forth His glory."

THE NEW YEAR.

How time flies! Here we are at the beginning of 1887. We enter upon a new section of our journey. We have again fifty-two weeks, twelve months, and 365 days before us. What an amount of good or evil we may do this year! Let us begin, continue and end all our doings this year in Christ. Then when it is passed, we shall look back upon it with joy and not with sorrow.

☞THERE are many cloudy days. There are also many bright, sunny days. Each may have some special mission for us. But whether the clouds lower, or the sun shines, there need not be any lack of sunshine in our hearts, nor any lack of power to make others happy by the brightness of our lives.

THE JUBILEE YEAR.

THIS year, 1887, is the Jubilee Year of our College at Lancaster, Pa. Why? Because it is the Centennial Year of Franklin College, and the Semi-Centennial Year of Franklin and Marshall College, the oldest Institution of the kind in our Church. This is an important event and due prominence should be given to it during the year. We have therefore devoted a greater part of the space in the Almanac this year to the interests of the College. In doing so, we hope to call the attention of the Church to its needs and its claims upon it, as well as its honored history and successful career. Let it be indeed a Jubilee Year for it.

☞AN opportunity presented to us and neglected may never come back, or it may return and we be unable to make use of it. The circumstance meeting the prepared man is what makes the useful opportunity, and when either falls out of its place the whole is lost. "To-day—hear—harden not."

☞IT should make us hopeful of the future to hear of the work that is done and the money that is expended in education and benevolence; and especially to learn how it is growing with the years. On the other hand, we get to understand how persistent and implacable evil is, since it can resist so stubbornly all that is done to break it down. But the statistics of charities that are constantly appearing should prevent faith from even faltering.

ONLY, O Lord, in Thy dear love,
Fit us for Thy perfect rest above;
And help us this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 28 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER Phila h.	m.
Tuesday	1	Ignatius	Matt. 4:23; 5:1-12	12	8	♒	24	1st. Nep. ☌ ☽. ☋	14	6	59	5	1	9	13
Wednesday	2	*Purifica'n of Vir.*	" 5: 13–32	1	13	♓	8	☿ sets 6 29	14	6	58	5	2	9	56
Thursday	3	Ansgar	" 5: 33–48	2	14	♓	23	♃ rises 10 40	14	6	57	5	3	10	43
Friday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 6:	3	21	♈	8	♄ south 10 14	14	6	56	5	4	11	12
Saturday	5	P. J. Spener	" 7:	4	27	♈	22	Neptune stationary. ♄ ☌ ☽. ☋	14	6	55	5	5	11	49

6] *Septuagesima Sunday.* Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27; 10: 1–5. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 12 *min.*

Sunday	6	Amandus	Luke 3:	5	26	♈	6	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14	6	54	5	6	12	13
Monday	7	George Wagner	" 4:	6	20	♈	20	☿ ☌ ☉ superior	14	6	53	5	7	12	52
Tuesday	8	Maria Andreæ	" 5:	☽ rises		♉	4	8th. 7* south 6 14	15	6	52	5	8	1	22
Wednesday	9	John Hooper	" 6: 1–19	7	13	♉	17	☽ in Per. ♀ sets 6 57	15	6	51	5	9	2	11
Thursday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 6: 20–49	8	24	♉	0	♄ ☌ ♀ ☊. ♃ rises 10 12	15	6	49	5	11	2	53
Friday	11	H. de St. Victor	" 7:	9	31	♉	13	♄ south 9 45	15	6	48	5	12	3	41
Saturday	12	Lady Jane Grey	" 8:	10	37	♉	25	Aldebaran south 6 44	15	6	47	5	13	4	32

7] *Sexagesima Sunday.* Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33; 12: 1–9. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 28 *min.*

Sunday	13	C. F. Schwartz	Luke 9: 1–36	11	40	♊	7	♃ ☌ ☽. Neptune □ ☉	15	6	46	5	14	5	20
Monday	14	Brun v. Querfurt	" 9: 37–62	morn.		♊	19	14th. Artur rises 9 6	14	6	44	5	16	6	11
Tuesday	15	Jacob von Loh	" 10:	12	47	♋	1	♀ sets 7 2	14	6	43	5	17	6	54
Wednesday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 11: 1–36	1	40	♋	13	♃ rises 9 49	14	6	42	5	18	8	42
Thursday	17	Simeon and Jesus	" 11:37; 12:1-12	2	33	♋	25	Sirius south 8 22 ☋	14	6	40	5	20	9	51
Friday	18	Mesrob	" 12: 13–59	3	22	♌	7	♃ station'y. Spica rises 9 32	14	6	39	5	21	10	15
Saturday	19	Pat. Hamilton	" 12: 1–21	4	11	♌	19	♄ s'th 9 12. ☉ enters ♓	14	6	38	5	22	10	58

8] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18:-31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length,* 10 *hours,* 46 *min.*

Sunday	20	Sadoth	Luke 13: 22–35	4	53	♌	2	Procyon south 9 16	14	6	37	5	23	11	13
Monday	21	Maenrod	" 14:	5	37	♍	14	♀ sets 7 13	14	6	36	5	24	12	26
Tuesday	22	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	☽ sets		♍	27	22d. 7* sets 12 50	14	6	34	5	26	1	16
Wednesday	23	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	6	36	♎	11	☿ ☌ ♄. ♄ ☌ ☽	14	6	33	5	27	2	7
Thursday	24	Matthias	" 17: 1–19	7	48	♎	24	☽ in Apo. ♀ ☌ ☽	14	6	32	5	28	3	2
Friday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 17: 20–37	8	31	♏	8	☿ in ♌. ♃ rises 9 13	13	6	31	5	29	3	42
Saturday	26	Berthold Haller	" 18: 1–30	9	29	♏	22	♄ south 8 43	13	6	29	5	31	4	30

9] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length,* 11 *hours,* 4 *min.*

Sunday	27	Martin Bucer	Luke 18:31; 19:1-28	10	21	♐	7	Orion south 7 8	13	6	28	5	32	5	15
Monday	28	Jno.deMon.Corv.	" 19:29; 20:1-18	11	10	♐	21	Andromeda sets 9 4	13	6	27	5	33	5	53

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st, 3	o'clock,	26	minutes	morning.
Full Moon,	8th, 5	"	14	"	"
Last Quarter,	14th, 8	"	32	"	evening.
New Moon,	22d, 4	"	40	"	afternoon.

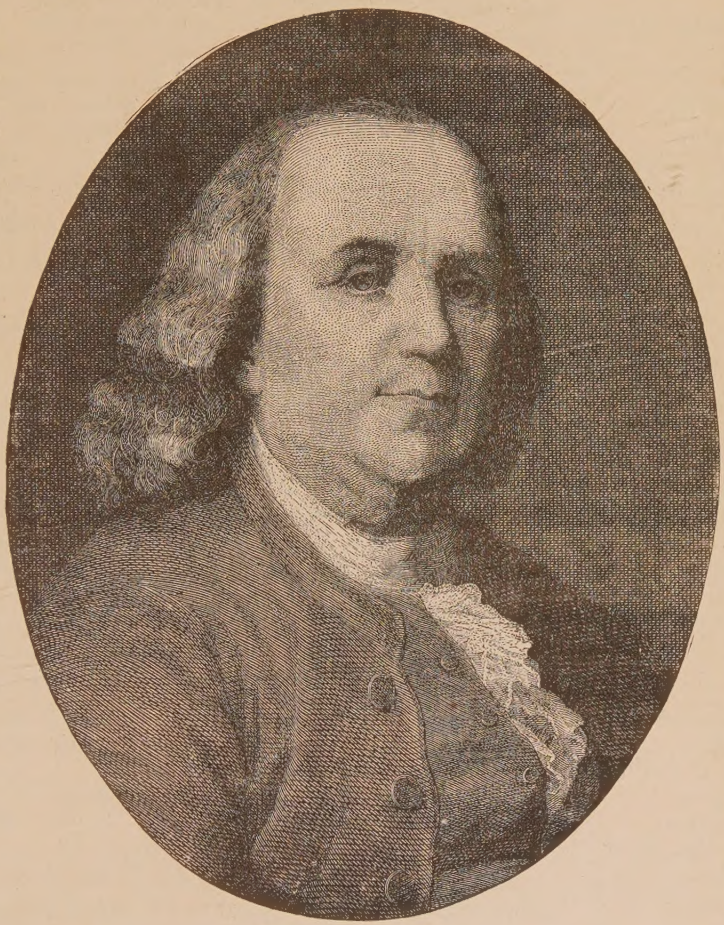
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, snow; 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, coldest days; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, variable; 14, rain; 15, 16, cold; 17, 18, moderate; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, cold winds; 28, cloudy.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Franklin College was incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, on the 10th of March, 1787, as "The German College and Charity School of the borough and county of Lancaster." At the same time the institution was named Franklin College "from a profound respect for the talent, virtues, and services to mankind in general, but especially to this country, of His Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Esq., President of the Supreme Executive Council."

The special object of Franklin College was to provide opportunities for the higher education of the Germans of Pennsylvania, but there was no intention to make it an exclusively German institution. The charter required that there should be instruction in "German, English, Latin, Greek, and other learned languages."



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

One of the Founders of Franklin College, Lancaster, Pa.

In the foundation of the new college the most eminent men of Pennsylvania took a profound interest. Benjamin Franklin was the largest individual contributor to the endowment, and is called the "founder" in cotemporary documents. Robert Morris, "the financier of the American Revolution," contributed six hundred dollars; and Benjamin Rush, "the prince of physicians" was not only a liberal patron but an active promoter of the enterprise. Among the early trustees were Generals Muhlenberg and Mifflin; Governors Snyder and Hiester; and many other men whose names are eminent in the history of the State and the Nation.

The Legislature granted to the new institution ten thousand acres of land, lying in the western portion of the state, and to this donation were subsequently added two lots of ground and the public store-house in Lancaster. The land was however of little value, and many years passed before it could be sold to advantage. It was evident from the beginning that the means at hand were not sufficient to establish the institution upon a solid basis. The Faculty was able and enthusiastic. Rev. Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg, the celebrated botanist, was the first President, and after his retirement, the same position was held by the eminent scientist Rev. F. V. Melsheimer. In 1788 there were one hundred and twenty-five students, of whom twenty studied the ancient languages. The chief difficulties were financial, and after two years it was found necessary to contract the operations of the institution. During its subsequent history it was at best a good academy, until its final union with Marshall College.

The Charter of Franklin College, though in some respects liberal, was in others cumbrous and defective. Fifteen of the Trustees were required to be members of the Lutheran Church, fifteen of the Reformed, "the remainder to be chosen from any other society of Christians." In guarding the various interests represented minute regulations concerning meetings and elections were introduced, which interfered very materially with the successful working of the institution. In the meantime, however, its property was increasing in value, and it became possible to establish a college upon the old foundation. After long negotiations the Lutheran interest in Franklin College was purchased by the Reformed Church, and the interest of the outside community was regularly transferred to the same body. In this way the property and history of this ancient institution passed into the exclusive possession and guardianship of the Reformed Church.

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Suidbert	Luke 20: 9-21: 1-4	morn.	♑ 5	Nep. ☽ ☿ in Perihelion	13	6 25	5 35	6 43
Wednesday	2 *Ember Day*	" 21: 5–35	12 51	♑ 19	2d. ♀ sets 7 34	12	6 24	5 36	7 33
Thursday	3 Balthilde	" 22: 1–30	1 47	♒ 3	♃ rises 8 51	12	6 23	5 37	8 45
Friday	4 George Wishart	" 22: 31–71	2 17	♒ 17	♄ south 8 19	12	6 21	5 39	9 54
Saturday	5 Thomas Aquinas	" 23:	3 11	♓ 1	♄ ☌ ☿ g. Elong. E. ☿ sets 6 25	12	6 20	5 40	10 25
10]	*2d Sunday in Lent.*	Matt. 15: 21–28; 1 Thess. 4: 1–8.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 22 min.*				
Sunday	6 Fridolin	Mark 10: 32–52	4 5	♓ 15	Regulus south 10 51	12	6 19	5 41	11 22
Monday	7 Perpetua	" 11:	4 54	♓ 28	Sirius south 7 26	11	6 18	5 42	12 18
Tuesday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 12:	5 35	♈ 12	♀ sets 7 50	11	6 16	5 44	1 14
Wednesday	9 Cyrillus and Methodius	" 13:	☽ rises	♈ 25	9th. ☽ in Per. Castor south 8 5	11	6 15	5 45	1 56
Thursday	10 40 Martyrs of Seb.	" 14: 1–54	7 16	♉ 8	♄ south 7 55	11	6 14	5 46	2 42
Friday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 14: 55; 15: 1-15	8 25	♉ 20	♃ rises 8 20	10	6 12	5 48	3 23
Saturday	12 Greg. the Great	" 15: 16–47	9 38	♊ 3	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☿ Hat. ♃ ☌ ☽	10	6 11	5 49	4 13
11]	*3d Sunday in Lent.*	Luke 11: 14–28; Ephes. 5: 1–9.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday	13 Rudericus	Matt. 20: 17–33	10 46	♋ 15	Spica rises 8 19	10	6 10	5 50	4 52
Monday	14 Matilda	" 21:	11 53	♋ 27	☿ ☌ ♄. 7* sets 11.32	9	6 8	5 52	5 41
Tuesday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 22:	morn.	♌ 9	♀ sets 8 7	9	6 7	5 53	6 43
Wednesday	16 Heribert	" 23:	12 28	♌ 21	16th. ♃ rises 7 58 ☋	9	6 6	5 54	7 40
Thursday	17 Patrick	" 24: 1–31	1 16	♍ 3	♄ south 7 27	9	6 4	5 56	8 31
Friday	18 Alexander	" 24: 32–51	2 3	♍ 15	♄ stationary	8	6 3	5 57	9 13
Saturday	19 Mary & Martha	" 25:	2 50	♍ 27	Orion sets 12 16	8	6 2	5 58	9 45
12]	*4th Sunday in Lent.*	John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.*				
Sunday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	Matt. 26: 1–13	3 37	♎ 9	☉ ent. ♈. Day and night equal	8	6 0	6 0	10 30
Monday	21 Benedict	" 26: 14–35	4 12	♎ 22	☿ ☌ ☉ Inf. spring com.	7	5 59	6 1	11 27
Tuesday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 26: 36–56	4 52	♏ 5	♀ sets 8 21	7	5 58	6 2	12 23
Wednesday	23 Wolfgang	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	5 27	♏ 19	☿ ☌ ☽. ☽ in apo.	7	5 57	6 3	1 21
Thursday	24 Florentius	" 27: 3–31	☽ sets	♐ 3	24th. ♄ ☌ ☽ ♉	7	5 56	6 4	2 13
Friday	25 Ann. Vir. Mary	" 27: 32–50	7 20	♐ 18	♃ rises 7 22	6	5 54	6 6	2 55
Saturday	26 Liudger	" 27: 51–56	8 16	♑ 2	♀ ☌ ☽. 7* sets 10 48	6	5 53	6 7	3 42
13]	*5th Sunday in Lent.*	John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 16 min.*				
Sunday	27 Rupertus	John 11:	9 14	♑ 17	♄ south 6 48	6	5 52	6 8	4 13
Monday	28 John von Goch	" 12:	10 11	♒ 2	Neptune ☌ ☉ ♀ in ♌	5	5 51	6 9	4 57
Tuesday	29 Eustatius	" 13: 1–30	11 9	♒ 16	♀ sets 8 34	5	5 50	6 10	5 12
Wednesday	30 John Heermann	" 13: 31; 14: 1-38	11 47	♓ 0	Procyon south 6 57	5	5 49	6 11	5 56
Thursday	31 Ernest the Pious	" 15:	morn.	♓ 14	♅ ☍ ☉. Sirius sets 11 2	4	5 48	6 12	6 43

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	2d,	8	o'clock,	7	minutes, evening.
Full Moon,	9th,	3	"	33	" afternoon.
Last Quarter,	16th,	8	"	42	" forenoon.
New Moon,	24th,	11	"	9	" "

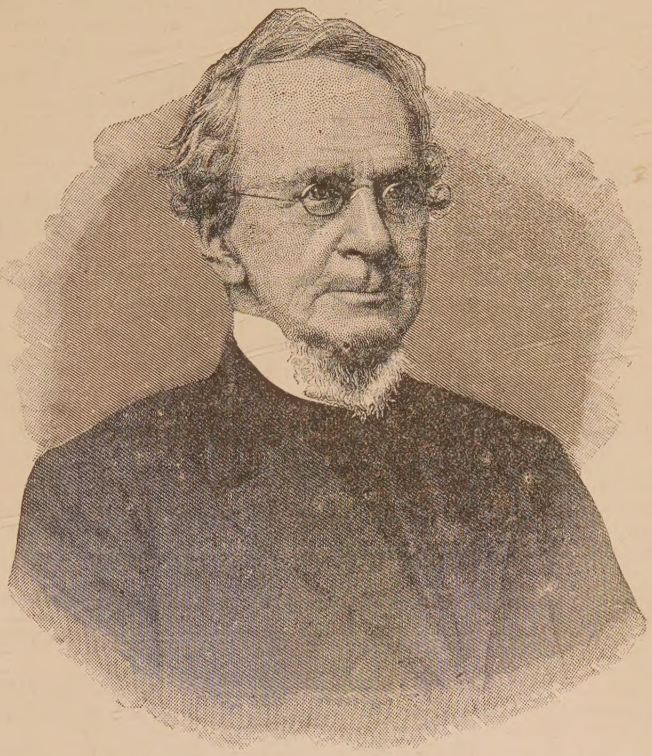
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, snow; 9, 10, mild; 11, 12, 13, cold; 14, 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, cold winds; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, variable.

MARSHALL COLLEGE.

Marshall College was founded, in 1835, in Mercersburg, Pa. It had developed out of the High School of the Reformed Church which had been founded in 1831, at York, Pa., where the Theological Seminary was at that time located. The college was named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall, of Virginia.

Marshall College was instituted in the service of the Church, and during its entire history its highest object was Christian culture. Its first President was Rev. Dr. F. A. Rauch, a native of Germany, who had come to America in consequence of political complications in the fatherland. He was a man of great learning and ability, and his work on "Psychology" may be said to have introduced this science to the attention of American students. His early death was a great loss to the college and the church.



THE LATE JOHN WILLIAMSON NEVIN, D. D., LL. D.,

Second President of Marshall College, and of Franklin and Marshall College.

The Rev. John Williamson Nevin, D. D., LL. D., who had in the previous year become a professor in the Theological Seminary, succeeded Dr. Rauch in 1841 as President of Marshall College, and held this position until the removal of the institution, in 1853. As one of the foremost theologians and philosophers of the country, he naturally gave the institution over which he presided a great deal of prominence, and there were few preceptors anywhere who so fully commanded the respect and affection of their students.

The following gentlemen at various times held professorships in Marshall College: Sam'l W. Budd, Jr., Thos. D. Baird, Esq., Theodore Appel, D. D., Joseph F. Berg, D. D., Albert Smith, William M. Nevin, LL. D., Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D., Traill Green, M.D., and Thomas C. Porter, D.D., LL. D.

Though Marshall College did not lack students its endowment was small, and it was only by the self-sacrificing zeal of Dr. Nevin and his coadjutors that it was preserved from serious pecuniary embarrassment. The proposals of union with Franklin College indicated a way of escape from financial difficulties which threatened to become greater with each succeeding year, and it was chiefly on this ground that they were accepted. It was painful to say farewell to Mercersburg, and especially to leave the college buildings and society halls, which had already become the shrine of many hallowed recollections; but the removal was recognized as a necessity, and it was consummated in the hope that it would lead to further advances in the cause of liberal education.

☞ A Baptist Minister says: "In many churches the missionary sermon comes once a year, a sort of lemon-squeezer to squeeze out unwilling drops from hard-rinded Christians."

THE WRONG ANSWER.

People sometimes say, "We must build, repair, pay a debt," or something else is to be done, "and therefore we must keep all our money at home."

Not at all. Christ has commanded you to preach the gospel in all the world, not staying at home. Besides, keeping everything at home makes people selfish, and selfishness is the death of all true religion.

TITHE-PAYING.

We read that the Jews never counted their alms-giving a part of their tithe-paying. Yet alms-giving was always a sacred duty with them. This, however, could not begin until the tithes were provided for. Their charities must be taken out of the nine-tenths of their incomes, not out of the Lord's one-tenth.

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday 1	Fritigild	John 16:	12 39	28	1st ♄ ☌ ☽ Rigel sets 9 57 ♋	4	5 45	6 15	7 32
Saturday 2	Theodosia	" 17:	1 37	11	Aldeb'an sets 10.38	4	5 44	6 16	8 10
14] *Palm Sunday.*		John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 36 *min.*				
Sunday 3	Gerh. Tersteegen	Lam. Jeremiah	2 33	25	♄ sets 1 41	4	5 42	6 18	8 56
Monday 4	Ambrose	Heb. 8:	3 30	8	☿ in ♉. ☿ stationary	3	5 41	6 19	9 42
Tuesday 5	Christ. Scriver	" 9:	4 16	21	♄ □ ☉. ♀ sets 8 54	3	5 40	6 20	10 40
Wednesday 6	Albert Durer	" 10:	4 46	4	♃ rises 6 30	3	5 39	6 21	11 39
Thursday 7	*Maundy Thursd'y*	John 6:	5 10	16	☽ in Per. ♅ ☌ ☽ ☊	2	5 37	6 23	12 34
Friday 8	*Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	☽ rises	29	8th. ♃ ☌ ☽	2	5 36	6 24	1 23
Saturday 9	Thos. v. Westen	Heb. 4:	7 46	11	Orion sets 11 1	2	5 35	6 25	2 11
15] *Easter Sunday.*		John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length,* 12 *hours,* 54 *min.*				
Sunday 10	*Easter Sunday*	Matt. 28:	8 42	23	Regulus south 8 45	1	5 33	6 27	2 43
Monday 11	*Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	9 37	5	Spica south 11 59	1	5 32	6 28	3 31
Tuesday 12	Saba	Acts 2: 22–47	10 29	17	♀ sets 9 6	Sun fast	5 31	6 29	4 14
Wednesday 13	Justin Martyn	1 Cor. 15:	11 23	29	♄ sets 1 3		5 29	6 31	5 7
Thursday 14	John Eccart	Rom. 6:	morn.	11	14th. ☿ in Aph. ☿ ☌ ♁ ☋	1	5 28	6 32	5 43
Friday 15	Simeon Dach	" 8:	12 9	23	♃ rises 6 10	1	5 27	6 33	6 32
Saturday 16	Peter Waldo	1 Cor. 3:	12 58	5	Antares Rises 10 18	1	5 25	6 35	7 14
16] 1*st Sunday after Easter.*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John, 5: 4–12.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 12 *min.*				
Sunday 17	Mappalicus	John 1:	1 40	17	♄ in ♌ ☿. gr. Elong. W.	1	5 24	6 36	8 6
Monday 18	Luther at W'rms	" 2:	2 16	0	☿ rises 4 39	1	5 23	6 37	8 48
Tuesday 19	Melancthon	" 3:	2 57	13	☽ in Apo. Rigel sets 10 46	1	5 22	6 38	9 40
Wednesday 20	John Bugenhag	" 4:	3 29	27	☿ ☌ ☽. ♃ ☍ ☉ ♉. ☉ ☍ ☿	1	5 21	6 39	10 34
Thursday 21	Origen	" 5:	4 16	11	♀ sets 9 31	1	5 20	6 40	11 29
Friday 22	Anselm of Cant.	" 6: 1–40	4 43	26	♁ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 12 19	1	5 18	6 42	12 27
Saturday 23	George of Capp.	" 6: 41–71	☽ sets	11	23d. Sirius sets 9.36	2	5 17	6 43	1 26
17] 2*d Sunday after Easter,*		John 10: 11–16; 1 Peter 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length,* 13 *hours,* 28 *min.*				
Sunday 24	Wilfrid	John 7:	8 4	26	♁ ☌ ☉. Nep. ☌ ☽	2	5 16	6 44	2 10
Monday 25	St. Mark, Evan.	" 8: 1–30	9 9	11	♀ ☌ ☽. Orion sets 10.2	2	5 15	6 45	3 4
Tuesday 25	Tridpert	" 8: 31–50	10 3	26	♀ sets 9 45	2	5 14	6 46	3 45
Wednesday 27	Otto Catelin	" 9:	11 3	10	♄ sets 12 2	2	5 12	6 48	4 33
Thursday 28	Fred. Myconius	" 10:	11 58	24	♄ ☌ ☽. ♃ south 11.31 ♋	3	5 11	6 49	5 17
Friday 29	L. v. Berquin	" 11:	morn.	8	Wega rises 7 19	3	5 10	6 50	6 7
Saturday 30	Geo. Calixtus	" 12:	12 40	22	30th. 7* sets 8.38	3	5 9	6 51	6 43

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st,	8	o'clock,	52 minutes,	forenoon.
Full Moon,	8th,	12	"	39 "	morning.
Last Quarter,	14th,	11	"	3 "	forenoon.
New Moon,	23d,	3	"	52 "	afternoon.
First Quarter,	30th,	6	"	1 "	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, variable; 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, north winds; 12, 13, 14, cloudy; 15, 16, cold and frosty; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, mild; 21, 22, 23, 24, rainy; 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, cloudy; 29, 30, fair.

(♃). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 20th, and shines all night.

(♂). Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 24th, and cannot be seen.

Franklin and Marshall College.

EMANUEL V. GERHART, D. D.,

First President of Franklin and Marshall College; now President and Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

THOUGH the act authorizing the union of Franklin and Marshall Colleges was passed by the Legislature in 1850, it was not until the Spring of 1853 that this union was actually consummated. For three years the sessions of the united institution were held in a building on Lime st., which had for some time been occupied by Franklin College. The present college-building was erected by the liberality of the citizens of Lancaster, and was completed in 1856. It is situated on an eminence in the north-western part of the city, in a "campus" containing about 20 acres, a great part of which is occupied by trees and shrubbery. On either side of the main college-building, whose lofty tower can be seen at a great distance, stand the Halls of the Diagnothian and Gœthean Literary Societies. At some distance are Harbaugh Hall, used for rooming and boarding students, and the Academy, occupied mainly by the Preparatory Department. The most recent erection is the Daniel Scholl Observatory, which, it is expected, will be of great importance in the educational work of the institution. The residences of two professors of the Theological Seminary are also situated on the "campus," which is certainly one of the most beautiful places in the vicinity of Lancaster.

In 1871 the Theological Seminary was removed from Mercersburg to Lancaster, and since that time has occupied a part of the college-building.

The successive Presidents of Franklin and Marshall College have been: Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.; Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D., LL. D.; and Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., who is the present incumbent.

Franklin and Marshall College has no enormous endowments, such as it has been the good fortune of some other institutions to receive, but its financial condition has steadily improved. It has recently received several considerable legacies and donations, and it may be said that the prospects are very encouraging. The foundations are firmly laid, and there is every inducement to earnest and unremitting labor. Every addition to the endowment can now be made to tell powerfully in the cause of higher education. Many of the alumni, who now number more than seven hundred, occupy prominent positions in church and state, and the high standard which is maintained by the institution is everywhere recognized and respected. We believe the time has come to extend its operations, and thus to secure for it the position and influence to which it is justly entitled.

GOOD FRIDAY.

ON this day the greatest possible benefits were purchased for the family of man by the sufferings and death of Christ upon the Cross. Hence this day is very appropriately called *Good Friday*. This is a day of special solemnity, and should be observed by all Christian people as a day of devout and affectionate meditation around the cross of a dying Saviour. "There are," says one, "but few stronger proofs of the indifference of the natural heart to Christ, than the way in which so many spend Good Friday as a day of amusement and pleasure. Christ was six hours upon the Cross in agony for us: we cannot well bear to sit one hour to hear of it."

☞ THIRTY-THREE Missionary Societies are working in Africa.

EASTER JOY.

ON the resurrection of Christ depends the salvation of man. Without it he would have no hope (1 Cor. 15: 17–19). This accounts for the rejoicing of the Church on Easter Morning.

After passing in full sympathy with her blessed Lord through the solemnity and sorrow of Passion Week, seeing His agony, death and burial, she is prepared on Easter Morning with ecstatic joy to cry out: "The Lord is risen indeed!"

And also since His resurrection is the pledge of our blessed resurrection, and Himself makes our resurrection to depend upon receiving His true body and blood, therefore, on Easter Morning the Lord's Supper is celebrated in our churches. This has been so since the time of the Reformation.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
18] *3d Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 16–22; 1 Peter 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 44 min.*				
Sunday 1	Philip and James	John 13: 14:	1 27	♉ 5	☿ in Perihelion ♒	3	5	8 6	52 7 32
Monday 2	Athanasius	" 15:	2 23	♉ 18	☿ sets 9 52	3	5	7 6	53 8 25
Tuesday 3	Monica	" 16: 17:	2 53	♎ 1	♃ south 10 5	3	5	6 6	54 9 27
Wednesday 4	Florian	" 18:	3 47	♎ 13	♅ ☌ ☽ ☊. Sirius sets 8 46	3	5	5 6	55 10 43
Thursday 5	Fred'k the Wise	" 19:	4 27	♎ 25	☽ in Per. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. So. ♃ ☌ ☽	3	5	4 6	56 11 41
Friday 6	John of Damasc.	" 20:	4 59	♏ 7	♄ sets 11 36	4	5	2 6	58 12 38
Saturday 7	Flav. Domitilla	" 21:	☽ rises	♏ 20	7th. Spica so. 10.20	4	5	1 6	59 1 20
19] *4th Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 0 min.*				
Sunday 8	Stanislaus	Heb. 1: 2:	8 22	♐ 2	☽* sets 8 4	4	5	0 7	0 1 54
Monday 9	Greg. Nazianzen	" 3: 4:	9 14	♐ 14	☿ sets 10 3	4	4	59 7	1 2 41
Tuesday 10	John Heuglin	" 5: 6:	10 5	♐ 25	Antares rises 8 49 ♏	4	4	58 7	2 3 18
Wednesday 11	John Arndt	" 7:	10 52	♑ 7	♃ sets 4 1	4	4	57 7	3 4 8
Thursday 12	Meletius	" 8:	11 35	♑ 19	Orion sets 8 58	4	4	56 7	4 4 54
Friday 13	Servatius	" 9:	morn.	♒ 1	♄ sets 11 11	4	4	55 7	5 5 41
Saturday 14	Pachomius	" 10:	12 15	♒ 13	14th. Arctur south 10 45	4	4	54 7	6 6 21
20] *5th Sunday after Easter.*		John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday 15	Moses	Heb. 11:	12 50	♓ 26	Libræ south 11 39	4	4	53 7	7 7 11
Monday 16	Five Marts. at L.	" 12:	1 26	♈ 9	☿ sets 10 13	4	4	52 7	8 7 53
Tuesday 17	Joachim of Flor.	" 13:	1 57	♈ 22	☽ in apo. ♍ Procyon sou h 10.15	4	4	52 7	8 8 42
Wednesday 18	80 Marts. under Val.	John 14:	2 48	♉ 5	Neptune ☌ ☉	4	4	51 7	9 9 32
Thursday 19	*Ascension Day*	Col. 2: Eph. 4:	3 19	♉ 20	♁ in ☊. ♃ sets 3 27	4	4	50 7	10 10 25
Friday 20	Val. Herberger	John 15:	3 52	♊ 4	♄ sets 10 45	4	4	49 7	11 11 20
Saturday 21	Constantine	" 16:	4 28	♊ 19	☿ ☌ ♁ ☽. ♁ ☌ ☽. ☉ sets □	4	4	48 7	12 12 15
21] *6th Sunday after Easter.*		John 15: 26; 16; 1 Peter 4: 7–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 24 min.*				
Sunday 22	Castus and Aemil.	1 John 1:	☽ sets	♋ 4	22d. Rigel sets 7.37	4	4	48 7	12 1 14
Monday 23	Jerome Savonar	" 2:	8 5	♋ 20	♁ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	4	4	47 7	13 2 3
Tuesday 24	Aug. Cazal.	" 3:	8 58	♌ 5	☿ in ☊. ♀ sets 10.20 ♒	3	4	46 7	14 2 46
Wednesday 25	Augustine	" 4:	9 53	♌ 20	♀ ☌ ☽. Castor sets 8.39	3	4	45 7	15 3 29
Thursday 26	Beda Venerabilis	" 5:	10 44	♍ 4	♄ ☌ ☽. ♃ sets 2.57	3	4	44 7	16 4 14
Friday 27	John Calvin	Joel 3:	11 42	♍ 18	☿ ☌ ☉ superior	3	4	43 7	17 5 23
Saturday 28	Lanfranc	John 17:	morn.	♎ 2	☿ in Perihelion	3	4	43 7	17 6 40
22] *Whit Sunday, or Pentecost.*		John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.*				
Sunday 29	*Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	12 53	♉ 15	♄ sets 9 53	3	4	42 7	18 7 31
Monday 30	*Whit Monday*	" 5:	1 22	♉ 28	30th. ♄ ☌ ♀. ♀ sets 10 26	3	4	41 7	19 8 15
Tuesday 31	JoachimNeander	Romans 12:	1 57	♊ 10	♅ ☌ ☽ ☊. Spica so. 8.44	3	4	41 7	19 8 57

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	7th,	9 o'clock,	1	minutes,	forenoon.
Last Quarter,	14th,	3 "	17	"	afternoon.
New Moon,	22d,	6 "	5	"	evening.
First Quarter,	30th,	12 "	9	"	morning.

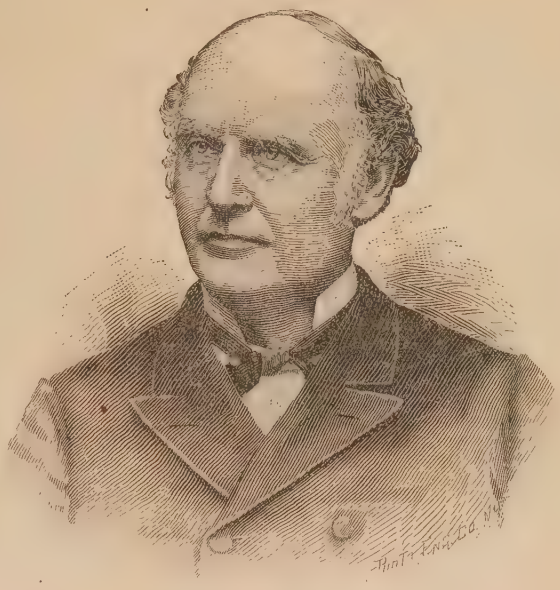
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, showers; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, fair.

THE CENTENNIAL AND SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

THOSE in our Church who believe the doctrine of Providence as taught in the Heidelberg Catechism, will not regard it as a mere matter of chance that the fortunes of Franklin College were united with those of Marshall in the union of the two at Lancaster. The same Lord that presided over and guided the interests of Marshall College in its early struggles, provided the relief that came by the union of the two, whereby over $50,000 were added to the endowment. This was the amount Franklin College brought as its share. Marshall was very poor indeed in money, but rich in its historic career, and so the two came to be united, much to the advantage of both.

There is good reason, therefore, that the *Centennial* of Franklin College should not be omitted in the celebration during this year. The original design and character of its founding, as given elsewhere, are eminently worthy of being commemorated. The founding of this College belongs to the earliest efforts of the German people of Pennsylvania to provide for their educational wants. It did not seem to succeed; but all those years of waiting were overruled by Providence for the benefit of the younger institution, founded under the immediate auspices of the Reformed Church. When the finances of Marshall were in their gloomiest condition, and when those at its head were considering whether it might not be necessary to dismiss a portion of the faculty, and reduce the College to the proportions of a High School; help came from Franklin College and saved the whole interest. Therefore we say the Centennial has no less significance in this year's celebration than the semi-centennial, and the whole celebration is a recognition of that overruling Providence which has watched over the educational work of the Church until this present year of grace.



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The Objects aimed at in the Centennial and Semi-Centennial of Franklin and Marshall.

BOTH the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees, at their last annual meetings, specified three objects that ought to be attained as a result of the present celebration. They are as follows: (1) Provision for a chemical laboratory, and a building for libraries, museum, cabinets, reading room, etc.; the whole requiring an expenditure of about $25,000 or $30,000; (2) The endowment of the Presidency of the College, as a tribute to the memory of Dr. J. W. Nevin; (3) The completion of the endowment of the Alumni Professorship. It was stated also that these objects should be reached in the order named. The one first named is to receive immediate attention, so as to be accomplished, if possible, during the present year. The other two objects may require more time. Their attainment should be a result of the interest awakened by the present celebration throughout the Church. The accomplishment of the first will stimulate to the attainment of the other two in the near future, and the whole work can be done, we believe, in a way that will not overburden the Church. It may, at first view, seem too much for the ability of the Church, but if divided among several years, it will become entirely practicable. In order to make this appear, let us consider each one separately.

A FALLING AWAY.

IN 1714 there were 393,000 Buddhist temples and monasteries in Japan. Now there are less than 58,000—a falling off of six-sevenths of the whole number! This shows how necessary it is that Christianity be offered to them.

☞ IN our times of trial we need the help of friends, and many earthly solaces offer themselves, all of which we may make use of; but God invites us not to these, but to Himself. We stop too soon if we remain with either men or angels.

☞ A WRITER in the *Missionsbote* says that the qualifications of a good missionary are: the wisdom of Solomon, the faith of Abraham, the patience of Job, the fire of Elijah, the harmlessness of the dove, the wisdom (Klugheit) of the serpent and the love of Christ.

JUNE, *6th Month, 30 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h.	HIGH WATER, Phila. m.
Wednesday	1 *Ember Day*	1 Cor. 13:	2	25	♋	22	Regulus sets 11.51 ☽	3	4	40	7	20	9	43
Thursday	2 Pothinus	Rom. 6: 19; 7:	2	55	♋	5	☽ in Per. ♃ ☌ ☽	2	4	40	7	20	10	41
Friday	3 Chlotilde and Blandina	" 8:	3	36	♌	17	♄ sets 9 40	2	4	39	7	21	11	32
Saturday	4 Quirina	2 Cor. 5:	4	0	♌	28	♃ sets 2 21	2	4	39	7	21	12	23

23] *Trinity Sunday.* John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	5 Boniface	Acts 1: 2:	☽ rises		♌	10	5th. Libr. so. 10.14	2	4	39	7	21	1	15
Monday	6 Norbert	" 3:	8	12	♌	22	☿ sets 10 25	2	4	38	7	22	2	4
Tuesday	7 Paul Gerhardt	" 4:	9	8	♍	4	Antares south 11.17 ☋	2	4	38	7	22	2	47
Wednesday	8 A. H. Franke	" 5:	9	52	♍	16	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. North	1	4	38	7	22	3	30
Thursday	9 Corpus Christi	" 6:	10	22	♍	28	Altair south 12 34	1	4	37	7	23	4	15
Friday	10 Fdk. Barbarossa	" 7:	11	08	♎	10	♄ sets 9 35	1	4	37	7	23	5	54
Saturday	11 Barnabas.	" 8:	11	47	♎	22	♃ sets 1 53	1	4	36	7	24	6	41

24] 1*st Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 16: 19–31; 1 John 4: 7–21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	12 Renata	1 Pet. 2: 1–10	morn.		♎	5	Castor sets 10 8	1	4	36	7	24	7	32
Monday	13 Isaac le Febvre	Acts 10:	12	13	♎	18	13th. ☿ sets 10.24	1	4	36	7	24	8	16
Tuesday	14 Basil	" 11:	12	47	♏	1	☽ in apo. ♂. Wega south 1.3	Sun	4	36	7	24	8	58
Wednesday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 12:	1	23	♏	14	Spica sets 1 7	slo.	4	35	7	25	9	43
Thursday	16 R. Baxter	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17	2	16	♏	28	♄ sets 9 12	1	4	35	7	25	10	14
Friday	17 John Tauler	" 3: 18; 4: 1-16	2	39	♐	13	♃ sets 1 28	1	4	35	7	25	10	39
Saturday	18 Pamphilus	" 4: 17; 5:	3	43	♐	28	Neptune ☌ ☽	1	4	35	7	25	11	6

25] 2*d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 3: 13–24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	19 Council at Nice	2 Pet. 1: 11	4	6	♑	13	♁ ☌ ☽. ♁ rises 3 40	1	4	35	7	25	11	47
Monday	20 27 Martyrs	" 1: 12; 2: 3	4	37	♑	28	☿ ☌ ♄. Arctur so. 8.14	1	4	35	7	25	12	22
Tuesday	21 Matt. Claudius	James 2:	☽ sets		♒	13	21st. ☉ ☍ ☋. Lngst. day	1	4	34	7	26	1	21
Wednesday	22 Gottschalk	" 3:	8	33	♒	28	♄ ☌ ☽. Sum. beg.	2	4	35	7	25	1	55
Thursday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 4:	9	19	♓	13	☿ sets 10 11	2	4	35	7	25	2	42
Friday	24 John Baptist	" 5:	10	8	♓	27	☿ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 8 41	2	4	35	7	25	3	19
Saturday	25 Augsburg Conf.	Jude	10	45	♈	11	Procyon sets 7 36	2	4	35	7	25	4	9

26] 3*d Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Peter 5: 5–11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	Acts 13: 1–12	11	26	♈	24	♃ sets 1 2	3	4	35	7	25	4	55
Monday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 13: 13–52	11	59	♉	7	7* rises 1 50	3	4	35	7	25	5	42
Tuesday	28 Irenæus	" 14:	morn.		♉	19	28th. ♁ rises 3 28	3	4	36	7	25	6	22
Wednesday	29 Peter and Paul	" 15:	12	39	♊	2	♃ ☌ ☽ ☊	3	4	36	7	25	7	37
Thursday	30 Raymond Lully	" 16:	1	27	♊	14	☿ gr. Elong. east.	3	4	36	7	25	8	35

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	5th,	5	o'clock,	38	minutes, evening.
Last Quarter,	13th,	8	"	34	" forenoon.
New Moon,	21st,	5	"	52	" morning.
First Quarter,	28th,	5	"	1	" "

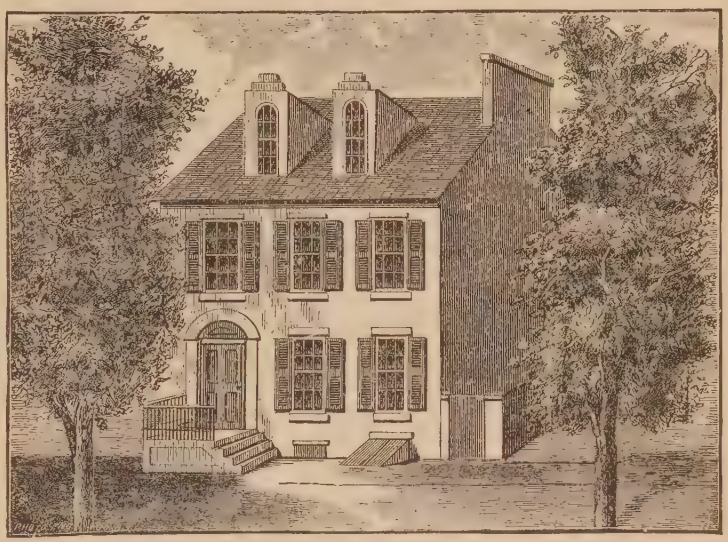
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, showers; 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, rain; 30, fair.

JUNE.

"What hast thou given for Me."

A minister, living in the country, received once a month, towards his personal support, the offerings of his flock. Amongst his congregation was a poor woman, who found it no easy task to live, but who dearly loved her pastor, and regularly brought her mite to the collection. All she could manage to spare was a four-penny piece, but she was exceedingly particular that this coin must be the best of its kind, and she spared no pains to send round the village, changing it again and again, that the four-penny piece she gave to the collection might be the newest and the brightest it was possible to procure. Listening to this true recital—a touching memory to the pastor—the thought came to us of the claim of the King of love upon our *best*, and how sometimes we try to satisfy that claim with the second place in our thoughts and devotions: Earth and heaven are His, and the value of our sufferings in human eyes to Him is nothing. The legend tells us that she who brought a wisp of straw to the hired horses dragging stones to build the house of God, laid a richer gift on His altar than all the rest, for she gave the best she had. Nothing *below* our best—our fullest, deepest, dearest consecration—is a meet offering for Him who for our sakes became poor.



THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, YORK, PA., 1831-1835.

☞THE church tie, next to that of the home, should be the closest on the earth. When one, two or five hundred Christian people are associated together in the same church, no guild or fraternity in this world should be so closely knit as that society, or compose so real a brotherhood. It should be in the truest sense a mutual help association. Each member should know that if he is sick he will receive such ministrations of kindness as he may need; that if he is in trouble he will be sure of sympathy and aid; that if sorrow come to his home he will have all the comfort the most tender human friendship can give; that if he is in sore stress of any kind he will not be left to sink beneath his burden, but will find brotherly hands outstretched to him.

☞SERVICE done willingly is usually done effectively. Half our failures grow out of cherishing poor dispositions.

EMILY GEIGER.

EMILY GEIGER was one of the heroines of the Revolutionary War. Her father was a rich planter who was ardently attached to the cause of American liberty. All the family were members of the Reformed Church, and one of Emily's near relatives erected, at his own expense, a monument over the grave of the Rev. Christian Thews, the pioneer Reformed pastor of South Carolina.

When Gen. Nat. Greene was retreating from Lord Rawdon he learned, after he had crossed the Broad river, that the British commander had divided his forces. He was therefore very desirous to send a message to Gen. Sumter, who was then on the Wateree, requesting him to join him in an attack on the enemy; but the country which had to be traversed was full of Tories, and not a man could be found who was willing to undertake the journey. At last Emily Geiger, who was then a young and beautiful girl, volunteered to bear the message. Gen. Greene gladly accepted her services and gave her a letter, at the same time communicating its contents to her, so that she might convey the message if the letter should be lost. On the way she was arrested by the British, but watching her opportunity she tore up the letter and swallowed it. Nothing of a suspicious nature being found upon her person she was suffered to depart, and by taking a circuitous route safely reached the camp of Gen. Sumter. She told her adventure, and delivered Greene's verbal message to Sumter, who in consequence soon joined the main army at Orangeburg. On account of her important service Emily Geiger has always been regarded as one of the heroines of South Carolina. In later life she was married to a planter on the Congaree, and died about sixty years ago in the midst of a large company of mourning descendants.

☞One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters. In the home she is the lode-stone of all hearts and lode-star to all eyes. Christianity should be taught at the mother's knee; it is seldom really taught elsewhere save in the school of suffering.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	m.
Friday	1 H. Voes	Acts 17: 1–14	1	59	♋	26	☿ sets 8.9. ☉ in apo. ♌	4	4	36	7	24	9	33
Saturday	2 Visit V. Mary	" 17:15; 18:11	2	35	♋	8	♃ sets 12 24	4	4	36	7	24	10	32
27] *4th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.*							
Sunday	3 Otto Bishop	1 Thess. 1:	3	13	♋	19	♀ sets 10 1 ♋	4	4	37	7	23	11	26
Monday	4 *Independence*	" 2: 1–16	3	59	♌	1	Wega south 11 41	4	4	37	7	23	12	23
Tuesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 2: 17; 3:	☽ rises		♌	13	5th. ♁ rises 3 20	4	4	38	7	22	1	22
Wednesday	6 John Huss	" 4:	8	29	♌	25	Antares so. 9 22	4	4	38	7	22	2	12
Thursday	7 Willibald	" 5:	9	7	♎	7	♄ sets 8 00	5	4	38	7	22	2	54
Friday	8 Kilian	2 " 1; 2: 1-12	9	48	♎	19	Orion rises 4 11	5	4	39	7	21	3	41
Saturday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 2: 13; 3:	10	27	♎	2	♃ sets 11 59	5	4	39	7	21	4	32
28] *5th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Peter 3: 8–15.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min.*							
Sunday	10 Wm. of Orange	Gala. 1: 1–10	10	49	♎	14	Dog Days begin	5	4	40	7	20	5	22
Monday	11 Placidus	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	11	14	♎	27	☿ in Aphelion. ♍	5	4	40	7	20	6	11
Tuesday	12 Henry II.	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11	49	♏	11	☽ in apo. Arctur sets 1.54	5	4	41	7	19	6	55
Wednesday	13 Eugenius	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	morn.		♏	24	13th. ♀ gr. Elong. east	5	4	41	7	19	7	30
Thursday	14 Bonaventura	" 3: 15	12	11	♏	8	♀ sets 9 49	6	4	42	7	18	8	27
Friday	15 Ansver	" 4:	12	49	♐	22	☿ stationary	6	4	43	7	17	9	33
Saturday	16 Anna Askew	" 5: 6:	1	21	♑	7	♁ rises 3 7	6	4	43	7	17	10	15
29] *6th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.*							
Sunday	17 Speratus and Eleven Co.	1 Cor. 1:	1	56	♑	22	♄ sets 7 26	6	4	44	7	16	10	45
Monday	18 Arnulf	" 2:	2	21	♒	7	♀ in ♍ ♄ ♂ ☉. ♁ ♂ ☽ ♌	6	4	45	7	15	11	34
Tuesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 3: 4: 1–4	3	31	♒	22	♃ □ ☉. ♃ sets 11 22	6	4	46	7	14	12	24
Wednesday	20 John Marteilhe	" 4: 5; 5: 1–8	☽ sets		♒	7	20th. ♄ ♂ ☽	6	4	47	7	13	1	16
Thursday	21 Eberhard	" 5: 9; 6:	8	7	♓	21	☿ ♂ ☽. ♀ sets 9.40	6	4	48	7	12	1	56
Friday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 7:	8	50	♓	5	☉ enters ♌. Regulus sets 8 35	6	4	48	7	12	2	42
Saturday	23 Godfr. v. Hamele	" 8: 9:	9	24	♓	19	♀ ♂ ☽. ♁ rises 2 58	6	4	49	7	11	3	33
30] *7th Sunday after Trinity.*		Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.*							
Sunday	24 Thos. A'Kempis	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	9	54	♈	3	☽ in Per. Spica sets 10.27	6	4	50	7	10	4	29
Monday	25 St. James	" 11: 2	10	54	♈	15	♅ ♂ ☽ ♌. Pollux sets 8.19	6	4	51	7	9	5	15
Tuesday	26 Christopher	" 12: 1–30	11	18	♈	28	♃ ♂ ☽. ♃ sets 10 56	6	4	52	7	8	6	9
Wednesday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 12: 31; 13:	11	58	♉	10	27th. Wega south 10 4	6	4	52	7	8	6	57
Thursday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 14:	morn.		♉	22	☿ ♂ ☉ inferior.	6	4	53	7	7	7	43
Friday	29 Olaus	" 15: 1–34	12	37	♊	4	♀ sets 9 3	6	4	54	7	6	8	41
Saturday	30 John Wessel	" 15: 35; 16:	1	34	♊	16	♁ rises 2 49	6	4	55	7	5	9	23
31] *8th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 8 min.*							
Sunday	31 Jno Cas. Schade	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	2	30	♊	28	Aldebaran rises 12.49 ♋	6	4	56	7	4	10	26

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	5th,	3 o'clock,	34	minutes,	morning.
Last Quarter,	13th,	1 "	57	"	"
New Moon,	20th,	3 "	50	"	afternoon.
First Quarter,	27th,	9 "	30	"	forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cloudy; 4, 5, 6, showers; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, 14, warmest days; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, showers; 24, 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, clear.

(♄) Saturn is in conjuction with the Sun on the 18th, and cannot be seen.

MEMORIAL TO DR. NEVIN.

THIS memorial, it was decided, should be the endowing of the presidency. It may not be known to all who read these lines that the presidency of of the college is not endowed. In former years Dr. Nevin served as president without salary, receiving only his salary as professor in the Seminary. The present acting president of the College, Dr. T. G. Apple, receives several hundred dollars, a mere nominal salary for his services. It is easy to be seen that the presidency of the College is thus dependent on the Seminary. The Board is not entirely free to elect independently of the help the College thus receives from the Seminary. Besides, under the present arrangement the president of the College has fully two men's work resting on him.

We have not much fear that when the time comes to present this interest to the Church it will not be attended to. This should be a popular contribution. There are thousands throughout the Church who are waiting to contribute to a Memorial to Dr. Nevin. It will perpetuate the name of Nevin in the College. All that is required is to place this object before all our people and it will soon be accomplished. This will be a monument to the memory of Dr. Nevin more fitting that any other would be. In it his spirit will continue to preside over the interests of the College, as it were, and his profound philosophy, in substance, will inform the minds of students for years to come.

MISS LIZZIE R. POORBAUGH.

MISS MARY B. AULT.

Our Lady Missionaries recently sent to Japan.

WANTED A MINISTER.

MY dear———: O! by the way, if you learn of any one with energy, tearful interest in the conversion of souls, attractive in preaching, great-hearted, unselfish, merry; in fact, holy—let me know. Paul was much the kind of man we need. We want a man who knows all about the enemy; has some capacity for working miracles; is ready to be stoned; can teach the women, interest the children, make princes tremble, confound the Jews, convert kings, pick up sticks, earn his own living, go through fire and water for the good of others, with the expectation that they will interest themselves in him; and, in general, lead a forlorn hope of dependent followers.

The Signers of the Declaration.

THE men who, in 1776, pledged "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor" in the cause of American Independence, have always been regarded as occupying the foremost place in the history of our country. It demanded a high degree of courage to sign the Declaration, and it is a remarkable fact that not one of the signers ever wavered in his adherence to the cause of liberty. When the War of the Revolution was over their fellow-citizens delighted in conferring honors and responsibilities on these distinguished men, and the cause of education was regarded as especially worthy of their interest and care. Accordingly, when Franklin College was founded, in 1787, no less than four of the signers were elected members of the Board of Trustees, and there is evidence to show that they were faithful in the performance of their duties. The names of these eminent men were Thomas McKean, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and Benjamin Rush.

Churches bearing the Reformed Name throughout the World.

	COMMUNICANTS.	ADHERENTS.
Switzerland,	1,007,633	1,667,109
France,	650,000	800,000
Holland,	2,105,844	3,000,000
Germany,	830,000	1,300,000
Austria,	6,088	8,144
Bohemia and Moravia,	68,684	108,066
Hungary,	1,276,460	2,081,803
Transylvania,	180,000	295,723
Servia and Banat,	20,000 (es.)	26,127
Croatia and Sclavonia,	3,000 (es.)	4,359
Russia,	80,000	200,000
Sweden,	109	
Denmark,	1,767	
Belgium,	3,923	
Spain,	3,000	
Algiers,		10,000
South Africa,	110,000	200,000
India (Missions),	1,642	
China, "	750	
Japan, "	669	
Java and East Indies,	110,000	200,000
United States,	276,074	770,000
TOTAL,	6,705,643	10,671,331

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	3 16	10	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. So.	6	4 57	7 3	11 38
Tuesday	2 Mar. Under Nero	" 1: 23; 2:	4 11	22	♀ sets 8 48	6	4 58	7 2	12 26
Wednesday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 3: 4: 1–6	☽ rises	4	3d. ♄ rises 2 47	6	4 59	7 1	1 17
Thursday	4 Leonard Köser	" 4: 7; 5: 10	7 20	16	♃ sets 10 22	6	5 0	7 0	1 54
Friday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	7 57	29	Altair south 10 42	6	5 1	6 59	2 42
Saturday	6 Transfiguration	" 7: 2	8 29	12	Sirius rises 4 30	6	5 2	6 58	3 26

32] *9th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 min.*

Sunday	7 Nonna	2 Cor. 8:	9 0	25	☿ stationary. Wega south 9 25	5	5 3	6 57	4 11
Monday	8 Hormisdas	" 9:	9 37	8	☽ in apo. ♌. Regulus sets 7 33	5	5 4	6 56	4 51
Tuesday	9 Numidicus	" 10:	10 11	21	♀ sets 8 32	5	5 5	6 55	5 40
Wednesday	10 Laurentius	" 11:	10 50	4	♄ rises 2 41	5	5 6	6 54	6 38
Thursday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 12: 1–18	11 43	18	11th. Formal south 1 25	5	5 7	6 53	7 32
Friday	12 An. of Havelb'g	" 12: 19; 13:	morn.	2	♃ sets 9 53	5	5 8	6 52	8 16
Saturday	13 C'nt Zinzendorf	Acts 20: 1–13	12 20	17	Spica sets 9 10	5	5 9	6 51	8 58

33] *10th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.*

Sunday	14 James Guthrie	Rom. 1: 1–17	1 10	2	Rigel rises 2	4	5 1	6 49	9 43
Monday	15 Virgin Mary	" 1: 18–31	2 8	16	♀ gr. brilliancy	4	5 1	6 48	11 6
Tuesday	16 John of Saxony	" 2:	2 58	1	☿ gr. elong. west. ♄ ♂ ☽. ♄	4	5 1	6 46	11 47
Wednesday	17 John Gerhard	" 3:	3 48	15	☿ ♂ ☽. ☿ rises 4 30	4	5 1	5 45	12 21
Thursday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 4:	4 33	29	♄ rises 2 36	4	5 1	6 44	13 50
Friday	19 Sebaldus	" 5: 1–11	☽ sets	13	19th. ♃ sets 9 28	3	5 1	7 6 43	1 22
Saturday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 5: 12–21	7 53	27	♀ sets 7 53	3	5 1	8 6 42	1 58

34] *11th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 22 min.*

Sunday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	Rom. 6:	8 45	10	♀ in Aph. ♅ ♂ ☽ ♌. ♀ ♂ ☽	3	5 1	9 6 41	2 41
Monday	22 Symphorianus	" 7:	9 18	23	Dog Days end	3	5 2	0 6 40	3 22
Tuesday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	" 8: 1–15	9 52	6	♃ ♂ ☽. ☉ enters ♍	2	5 2	1 6 39	4 12
Wednesday	24 Bartholomew	" 8: 16–39	10 32	19	☿ in Perihelion	2	5 2	3 6 37	4 52
Thursday	25 Louis IX.	" 9: 1–13	11 16	1	25th. ♃ sets 9.10	2	5 2	4 6 36	5 49
Friday	25 Ulfilas	" 9: 14–33	11 58	13	Orion rises 1 3	2	5 2	5 6 35	6 45
Saturday	27 Jovinian	" 10:	morn.	25	♄ rises 2 31	1	5 2	7 6 33	7 43

35] *12th Sunday after Trinity.* Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11. *Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.*

Sunday	28 Aug. of Hippo.	Rom. 11:	12 37	6	♄ ♂ ♄ . 7* rises 9.44	1	5 2	8 6 32	8 42
Monday	29 John Bapt't B'd	" 12:	1 39	18	♀ sets 7 25	1	5 2	9 6 31	9 33
Tuesday	30 Claud. of Turin	" 13:	2 44	0	Spica rises 8 8	0	5 3	0 6 30	10 27
Wednesday	31 Aidan	" 14:	3 42	13	♀ stationary. Wega south 7.54	0	5 3	1 6 29	11 24

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	3d,	3	o'clock,	40	minutes,	afternoon.
Last Quarter,	11th,	6	"	36	"	evening.
New Moon,	19th,	12	"	38	"	morning.
First Quarter,	25th,	3	"	21	"	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, cloudy; 14, thunder showers; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, rain.

AUGUST.

GOETHEAN HALL
GENERAL VIEW OF COLLEGE BUILDINGS
RESIDENCE OF REV. PROF. T. G. APPLE D.D.
ACADEMY BUILDING
DANIEL SCHOLL OBSERVATORY
HARBAUGH HALL
RESIDENCE OF REV. PROF. E. V. GERHART D.D.

VIEWS OF PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS,
FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA.

Chemical Laboratory, and Library Building.

The necessity of these buildings has been brought to the notice of the church in the *Messenger*, especially in the able report prepared by Dr. J. S. Stahr by the instruction of the Board of Trustees. A Chemical Laboratory will cost from $6000 to $8000. A Library building may cost about $20,000; in all, say $30,000. How is this amount to be raised? This question will finally be answered by the joint-committee of the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees, of which Dr. T. G. Apple is chairman. The committee consists of the following members, in addition to the chairman: Hensel, Cort, Gerhart, Heilman, by the Alumni Association, and Hon. A. Herr Smith, Dr. Wickersham, John Hager, F. Shroder, B. F. Shenk, and John D. Skiles, by the appointment of the Board of Trustees.

A committee so formidable as this need not go far beyond their own members to raise this sum for the College. We have no idea how they propose to raise it, but we presume they can find twenty or thirty persons in and out of the Board who will give the amount required. Perhaps one may be found who will give a name to the Laboratory, since a liberal lady gave a name to the Observatory. At any rate the raising of this sum ought not to burden the church, as it will most probably come from a few persons who have been holding themselves prepared to make a contribution to the college. Let it be done promptly.

Franklin and Marshall Academy.

This school was established about 1837. At Mercersburg it was only a preparatory school in connection with Marshall College, the President of the Faculty being Principal. On the removal of the College to Lancaster, Pa., it came with it. A few years ago, under the Principalship of the late Prof. Cyrus V. Mays, it was changed into an Academy, and the present large and commodious building, costing $20,000, was erected. Since then it has had among its Principals Revs. Jas. Crawford and Geo. J. Mull. The present Principal is W. W. Moore, A. M., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, whose aim is to make it a first-class Academy. It is therefore a valuable adjunct to the College.

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. Sun fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Thursday	1 Hanna	Rom. 15: 1–13	4	48	♍	25	♃ sets 8 43 ☋	0	5	32	6	28	12	12
Friday	2 Mammas	" 15: 14–33	☽ rises		♎	8	2d. ♄ rises 2 27	1	5	33	6	27	1	20
Saturday	3 Hildegarde	" 16:	7	23	♎	21	☿ gr. Hel. Lat.	1	5	35	6	25	2	10

36] *13th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 10: 23–37; Gal. 3: 16–22. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	4 Ida	Acts 20:	7	53	♏	4	♅ ♄ rises 2 13	1	5	36	6	24	2	50
Monday	5 John Mollio	" 21:	8	22	♏	18	☽ in apo. ♀ sets 6 43	1	5	37	6	23	3	40
Tuesday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 22: 23:	8	52	♐	1	Sirius rises 2 36	2	5	39	6	21	4	31
Wednesday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 24: 25:	9	21	♐	15	Rigel rises 11 34	2	5	40	6	20	5	30
Thursday	8 Corbinian	" 26:	9	57	♐	29	♃ sets 8 23	2	5	41	6	19	6	10
Friday	9 Luigi Resquali	" 27:	10	36	♑	13	♄ rises 2 22	3	5	43	6	17	6	54
Saturday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 28:	11	19	♑	28	10. ☿ ☌ ☉ superior ♏	3	5	44	6	16	7	39

37] *14th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 30 min.*

Sunday	11 John Brenz	Eph. 1: 1–14	morn.		♒	12	Wega south 7 14	3	5	45	6	15	8	41
Monday	12 Dionys's Peloq'n	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	12	15	♒	26	♄ rises 1 48	4	5	47	6	13	9	30
Tuesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 2: 11; 3:	1	27	♓	10	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♄ ☌ ☽	4	5	48	6	12	10	13
Wednesday	14 Cyprian	" 4: 1–17	2	34	♓	24	♁ ☌ ☽. Altair so. 8 13	4	5	49	6	11	10	48
Thursday	15 Argula	" 4: 18	3	37	♈	8	☿ ☌ ♀. ♀ sets 5 58	5	5	50	6	10	11	31
Friday	16 Euphemia	" 5; 6: 1–9	4	39	♈	22	♃ sets 7 51	5	5	52	6	8	12	23
Saturday	17 Lambert	" 6: 10	☽ sets		♉	5	17. ♀ ☌ ☽. ☿ ♁ rises 2.18	6	5	53	6	7	1	22

38] *15th Sunday after Trinity.* Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal 5: 25; 6: 10. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	Colos. 1:	7	38	♊	18	♅ ☌ ☽. ☽ in Per. ☊	6	5	55	6	5	1	58
Monday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 2; 3: 1–4	8	7	♊	1	♃ ☌ ☽. Aldebaran rises 9 45	6	5	56	6	4	2	41
Tuesday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 3: 5; 4:	8	48	♋	14	♄ rises 1 20	7	5	57	6	3	3	22
Wednesday	21 *Ember Day*	Philemon	9	15	♋	26	♀ ☌ ☉ inferior	7	5	58	6	2	4	12
Thursday	22 Mauritius	Philip 1: 1–26	10	09	♌	8	♃ sets 7 36	7	5	59	6	1	4	54
Friday	23 ♁ Mar. of Gen'a	" 1: 27; 2:	10	59	♌	20	☉ enters ♎. Day and Nt eq. ☋	8	6	0	6	0	5	42
Saturday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 3: 4:	11	52	♌	2	24. ♅ ☌ ♀. Autumn commences.	8	6	2	5	58	6	41

39] *16th Sunday after Trinity.* Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 54 min.*

Sunday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	1 Tim. 1:	morn.		♍	14	♁ rises 2 11	9	6	35	5	57	7	42
Monday	26 Lioba	" 2:	12	53	♍	16	Antares south 8 27	9	6	45	5	56	8	39
Tuesday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3:	1	48	♎	8	☿ in ☊. Form. so. 10.34	9	6	65	5	54	9	34
Wednesday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3: 14; 4: 10	2	44	♎	20	♀ rises 5 34	10	6	75	5	53	10	29
Thursday	29 St. Michael	" 4: 11; 5: 16	3	40	♏	2	♄ rises 12 49	10	6	85	5	52	11	23
Friday	30 Jerome	" 5: 17	4	37	♏	16	♃ sets 7 6 ☋	10	6	10	5	50	12	19

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	2d,	6	o'clock, 12	minutes,	morning.
Last Quarter,	10th,	10	" 3	"	forenoon.
New Moon,	17th,	8	" 59	"	"
First Quarter,	24th,	12	" 3	"	morning.

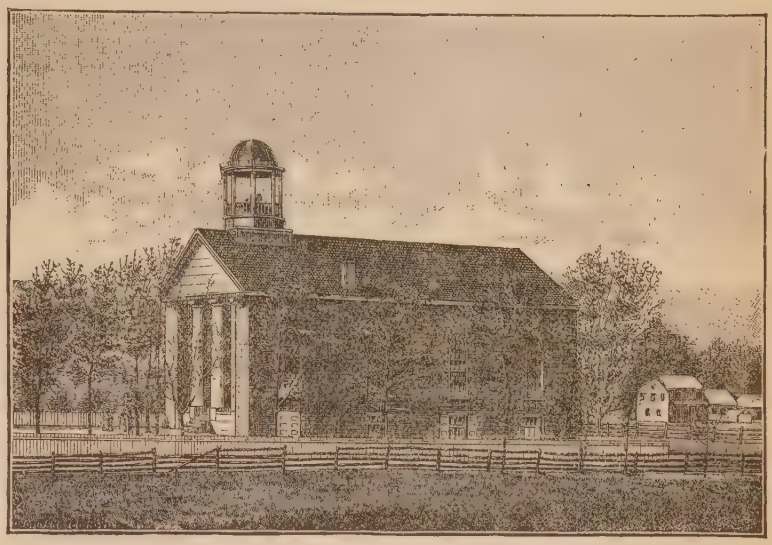
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, windy; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, rain.

(♀) Venus is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 21st, and passes from evening to morning star.

FUN AT HOME

THERE is nothing like it to be found—no, not if you search the world through. I want every possible amusement to keep the boys at home evenings. Never mind if they do scatter books and pictures, coats, hats and boots! Never mind if they do make a noise around, with their whistling and hurrahing! We would stand aghast if we could have a vision of the young men gone to utter destruction for the very reason that, having cold, disagreeable, dull, stiff firesides at home, they sought amusement elsewhere. Don't let them wander beyond the reach of mother's influence yet awhile. The time will come, before you think, when you would give the world to have your house tumbled by the dear hands of those very boys; when your heart shall long for their noisy steps in the hall, and their ruddy cheeks laid up to yours; when you would rather have their jolly whistle than the music of all the operas; when you would gladly have dirty carpets—aye, live without carpets at all but to have their bright, strong forms beside you once more. Then play with and pet them. Praise Johnny's drawing, Betty's music, and baby's first attempt at writing his name. Encourage Tom to chop off his stick of wood, and Dick to persevere in making his hen-coop. If one shows a talent for figures, tell him he is a famous mathematician; and if another loves geography, tell him he will be sure to make a great traveller, or a foreign minister. Become interested in their pets, be they rabbits, pigeons or dogs. Let them help you in home decorations; send them to gather mosses, grasses and bright autumn leaves, to decorate their room when the snow is all over the earth, and you will keep yourself young and fresh by entering into their joys, and keep these joys innocent by your knowledge of them.



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The Synod of the Potomac met in this Church, October 5th, 1886.

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THE ALUMNI PROFESSORSHIP.

THE third object named is the completion of the endowment of the professorship of English Literature and Belles Lettres. This was undertaken years ago by the Alumni, but was not completed. They now propose to carry it to completion. Over 800 names are enrolled in the list of Alumni. Some have died. Among the large number living it will not be difficult to secure the amount required to finish the work. The main difficulty consists in not being able to find them and address them personally. It is to be hoped that the present celebration will awaken new interest and zeal among them to lead to the accomplishment of this work.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Remigius	1 Timothy 6:	☽ rises	♍ 29	☉ 1st. ♂ 7* rises 7.41 ♒	10 6	11 5	49	1 15
40] 17*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 36 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Chr. Schmid	Titus 1:	6 40	♐ 13	☽ in apo.	11 6	12 5	48	1 57
Monday	3 The two Ewalds	" 2:	7 12	♐ 27	♄ rises 12 35	11 6	14 5	46	2 42
Tuesday	4 Franciscus	" 3:	7 44	♑ 11	♄ rises 2 4	11 6	15 5	45	3 26
Wednesday	5 Petro Carnesec	2 Tim. 1:	8 17	♑ 26	☿ rises 4 28	12 6	16 5	44	4 14
Thursday	6 Henry Albert	" 2:	8 52	♒ 11	♃ sets 6 41	12 6	17 5	43	4 57
Friday	7 Theodore Beza	" 3:	9 34	♒ 25	☿ in Aphelion	12 6	19 5	41	5 41
Saturday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 4:	10 22	♓ 9	Arctur sets 8 25 ♎	12 6	20 5	40	6 32
41] 18*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length*, 11 *hours*, 18 *min.*				
Sunday	9 Dionysius Areo.	Heb. 1:	11 15	♓ 23	9th. Sirius ♐ 12 38	13 6	21 5	39	7 15
Monday	10 Justus Jonas	" 2:	morn.	♈ 7	♄ rises 12 9	13 6	23 5	37	7 56
Tuesday	11 U. Zwingli died	" 3: 4:	1 17	♈ 21	♄ ☌ ☽. 7* rises 7 4	13 6	24 5	36	8 58
Wednesday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 5:	2 24	♈ 4	☿ stationary. ♄ ☌ ☽	14 6	25 5	35	9 47
Thursday	13 Elizabeth Frey	" 6:	3 30	♈ 15	☿ ☌ ♃. ♄ rises 1 57	14 6	27 5	33	10 39
Friday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 7:	4 34	♉ 1	♀ ☌ ☽. ♀ rises 3 50	14 6	28 5	32	11 34
Saturday	15 Aurelia	" 8:	5 37	♉ 14	♃ sets 6 13	14 6	29 5	31	12 32
42] 19*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 58 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Gallus	Heb. 9: 1–14	☽ sets	♉ 27	16th. ☽ in Per.	15 6	31 5	29	1 16
Monday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes.	" 9: 15	6 45	♊ 10	Rigel rises 10 6	15 6	32 5	28	1 56
Tuesday	18 *St. Luke Evang.*	" 10: 1–18	7 28	♊ 22	♃ ☌ ☽. ☿ Formal south 9 18	15 6	33 5	27	2 44
Wednesday	19 Bruno	" 10: 19	8 10	♋ 4	♄ rises 11 46	15 6	35 5	25	3 32
Thursday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 11:	9 2	♋ 16	♀ rises 3 30	15 6	36 5	24	4 15
Friday	21 Hilarion	" 12:	9 55	♋ 28	♇ rises 1 48 ♒	15 6	37 5	23	4 47
Saturday	22 Hedwick	" 13:	10 54	♌ 10	Reg. rises 11.28. ☉ ☍ ☽	15 6	38 5	22	5 33
43] 20*th Sunday after Trinity.*		Matt. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 42 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Henry Martin	Prov. 1; 2:	11 51	♌ 22	23. Marcab so. 9.10	16 6	39 5	21	6 17
Monday	24 Arethas	" 3:	morn.	♍ 4	Aldebaran ris. 7.35	16 6	41 5	19	6 58
Tuesday	25 John Herz	" 4:	12 8	♍ 16	♃ sets 5 38	16 6	42 5	18	7 49
Wednesday	26 Frederick III.	" 5: 1–19	1 10	♍ 28	♀ rises 3 14	16 6	43 5	17	8 47
Thursday	27 Frumentius	" 6: 20; 7:	2 12	♎ 11	☿ gr. elon. east ♃ sets 5 59	16 6	44 5	16	9 43
Friday	28 Simeon and Jude	" 8:	3 13	♎ 24	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. south	16 6	45 5	15	10 41
Saturday	29 Alfred the Great	" 9:	4 15	♏ 7	♂ ♀ gr. brill. ☽ in. apo.	16 6	46 5	14	11 33
44] *4th Sunday before Advent.*		Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14.			*Day's Length*, 10 *hours*, 24 *min.*				
Sunday	30 Jacob Sturm	John 21: 1–23	5 24	♏ 21	□ ♄ ☉. ♄ ris's 11.4	16 6	48 5	12	12 24
Monday	31 Reformation Fes.	1 " 1; 2:	☽ rises	♐ 6	31st. ♄ rises 1.38	16 6	49 5	11	1 17

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	1st,	10	o'clock,	47	minutes, evening.
Last Quarter,	9th,	11	"	57	" "
New Moon,	16th,	5	"	35	" "
First Quarter,	23d,	12	"	45	" afternoon
Full Moon,	31st,	4	"	30	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, rain, 13, 14, cloudy; 15, 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, 23, 24, rainy; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, cloudy; 29, 30, 31, fair.

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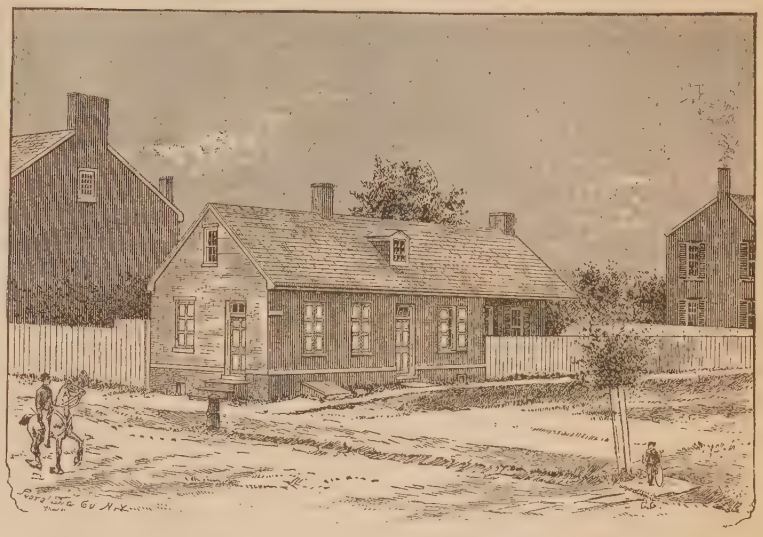

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THE WEST.

1. IMMIGRATION is now not only from the East westward, but also from the Pacific Coast eastward into the great territories of Navada, Idaho and Montana.

2. Of the two millions of Germans in our land, a large part have settled in the Western States and Territories.

3. America is possessing the West. Lands are taken, cities are building, railroads are constructed. But are we possessing it morally and spiritually, by an adequate gift of money and laborers? Surely we shall need at least to proportion the number of schools and churches, and the agencies of true religion to the numbers of saloons, gaming-houses, dance-halls, and to make the former rather than the latter the harbingers of a refined Christian civilization.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 All Saints	1 John 3:	6 27	♐ 20	♀ rises 3 03	16 6	5 1	5 9	2 8
Wednesday	2 Victorinus	" 4:	7 0	♑ 5	Orion rises 8 50	16 6	5 2	5 8	2 48
Thursday	3 Pirminus	" 5:	7 40	♑ 20	♄ rises 10 49 ♏	16 6	5 3	5 7	3 36
Friday	4 John A. Bengel	2 John	8 25	♒ 5	Sirius rises 10 57	16 6	5 4	5 6	4 32
Saturday	5 Hans Egede	3 John	9 24	♒ 20	♁ rises 1 30	16 6	5 5	5 5	5 14

45] *3d Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 8 min.*

Sunday	6 Gustav. Adolph	Rev. 1:	10 17	♓ 4	☿ stationary. Arctur sets 6.36	16 6	5 6	5 4	6 7
Monday	7 Willibrord	" 2:	11 15	♓ 17	♄ ☌ ☽. Rigel rises 8.47	16 6	5 7	5 3	6 56
Tuesday	8 Willehad	" 3:	morn.	♈ 1	8th. ♀ ≡ ☊. ♃ ☌ ☉	16 6	5 8	5 2	7 41
Wednesday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 4; 5; 6:	12 21	♈ 14	♀ rises 2 58	16 6	5 9	5 1	8 32
Thursday	10 Martin Luther	" 7; 8; 9: 1-12	1 23	♈ 28	♁ ☌ ☽. ♁ rises 1 27	16 7	1 4	5 9	9 16
Friday	11 Martin of Tours	" 9: 13; 10; 11	2 29	♉ 11	♀ ☌ ☽. Regulus rises 12 10	16 7	2 4	5 8	9 57
Saturday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 12: 13:	3 38	♉ 24	♅ ☌ ☽. ☊ ♄ rises 10.17	16 7	3 4	5 7	10 43

46] *2d Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 25: 31–46; 1 Thess. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 52 min.*

Sunday	13 Arcadius	Rev. 14: 1–13	4 36	♊ 6	Andromeda south 8.43	16 7	4 4	5 6	11 21
Monday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 14: 14–20	5 34	♊ 18	☽ in Per. ♃ ☌ ☽ Altair sets 10.50	15 7	5 4	5 5	12 23
Tuesday	15 John Kepler	" 15:	☽ sets	♊ 0	15th. ☌ ☽ ☿	15 7	6 4	5 4	1 24
Wednesday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 16: 1–8	6 14	♋ 12	☿ in ☊. ♀ ris. 2.54	15 7	7 4	5 3	2 9
Thursday	17 Bernward	" 16: 9	6 52	♋ 25	☿ ☌ ☉ inferior. ♄ stat.	15 7	8 4	5 2	2 53
Friday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 17:	7 47	♌ 7	♁ rises 1 19 ♋	15 7	9 4	5 1	3 43
Saturday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 18:	8 41	♌ 18	Formal south	14 7	10 4	5 0	4 30

47] *Sunday before Advent.* Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Peter 3: 3-14. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 min.*

Sunday	20 John Williams	Rev. 19: 1–10	9 40	♍ 0	☿ in Per. ♁ gr. Hel. ☰ N.	14 7	10 4	5 0	5 13
Monday	21 Columbanus	" 19: 11; 20: 1-3	10 36	♍ 12	♄ rises 9 45	14 7	11 4	4 9	5 56
Tuesday	22 J. Oecolampadius	" 20: 4	11 25	♍ 24	22d. ☉ ☍ ♁. ☿ ☌ ♃	14 7	12 4	4 8	6 29
Wednesday	23 Clemens Roman	" 21: 1–8	morn.	♎ 6	♅ ☌ ♀. Orion rises 7.28	13 7	13 4	4 7	7 12
Thursday	24 John Knox	" 21: 9; 22:	12 48	♎ 19	♀ rises 2 52	13 7	14 4	4 6	7 54
Friday	25 Catharine	Psalm 96:	1 32	♎ 2	♂ 7* south 11 35	13 7	15 4	4 5	8 46
Saturday	26 Conrad	" 145:	2 30	♎ 15	☽ in apo. ☿ still-stand	12 7	16 4	4 4	9 37

48] *1st Sunday in Advent.* Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 11–14. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.*

Sunday	27 Marg't Blaarer	John 1: 1–14	3 46	♎ 29	Rigel rises 6 25	12 7	16 4	4 4	10 29
Monday	28 Alex. Roussell	Gen. 2: 4–25	4 45	♏ 14	♁ rises 1 7	12 7	17 4	4 3	11 24
Tuesday	29 Saturninus	Matt. 19: 1–12	5 40	♏ 29	♄ rises 9 12	11 7	18 4	4 2	12 23
Wednesday	30 St. Andrew	Eph. 5: 22–33	☽ rises	♐ 14	30th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	11 7	18 4	4 2	1 20

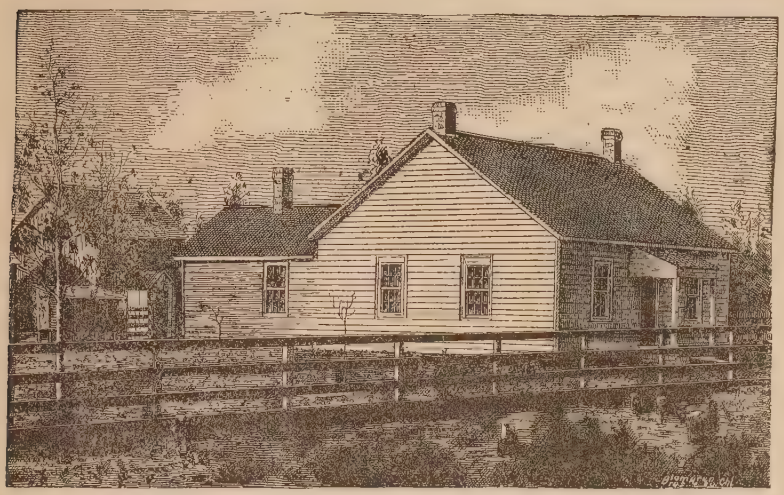
MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	8th,	12	o'clock,	1 minute,	afternoon.
New Moon,	15th,	3	"	8 minutes,	morning.
First Quarter,	22d,	5	"	43 "	"
Full Moon,	30th,	10	"	20 "	forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, variable; 2, 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, 14, 15, rain and snow; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable, with snow; 29, 30, cold winds.

(♃) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 8th, and can then not be seen.



RESIDENCE OF OUR MISSIONARY AMONG THE INDIANS, IN WISCONSIN.

THE NOBLEST SERVICE.

We must not offer to God except of our best. It must be the noblest, as for Him who is noble beyond word or thought; and it must be the noblest, as ennobling us who serve Him, and making us more like Himself. It must be the happiest of services. For what is God but infinite beatitude and eternal joy? All that is right and happy comes from Him. Our worship must be happy in itself, and must be such, as while it gladdens the tenderness of God, shall also fill our souls with that abounding happiness in Him which is our main strength in all well doing and all holy suffering.—*F. W. Faber.*

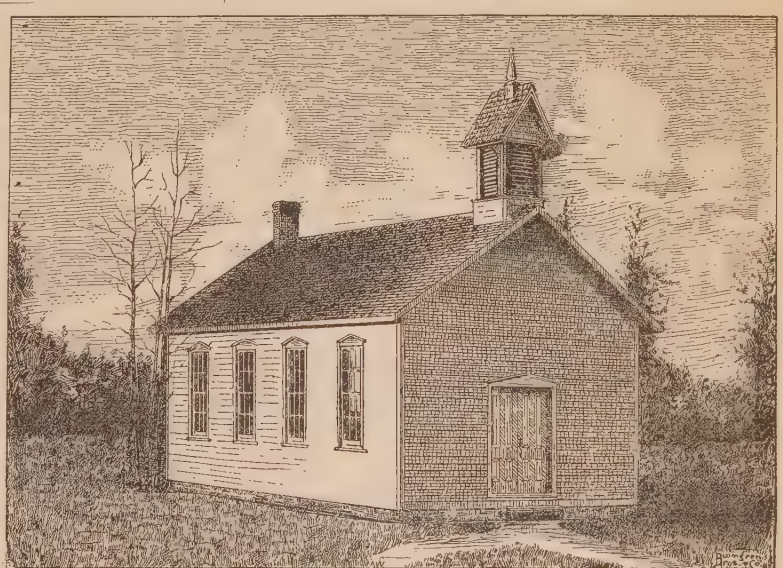
☞"Go *ye* therefore." What have you ever done definitely and actually in obedience to this commandment? In your missionary giving have you ever had this in mind? Did you follow your alms with your prayers? Or was your giving only from habit, a careless and perhaps blind act? Never forget the force of that definite, "Go *ye*." Your alms to send another are instead of your own going.

☞The $12,000,000 paid by 130,000,000 Protestants for Foreign Missions, averages .09 each.

WE ARE A WEALTHY CHURCH.

We are not a wealthy Church in the sense in which some churches are called wealthy; but then, too, we are not a poor Church by any means. We have not much concentrated wealth, wealth in bulk, wealth centered in cities, wealth gotten rapidly and held by a progressive class; but we have great wealth widely distributed, wealth that has come slowly and is scattered among many.

Just for this reason, however, we must look for the bulk of our missionary funds not to a small class of people but to all of them. The treasury can be filled only by the giving of all. And indeed such a giving is much better than the same amount given by a few, because a much larger number is in this way interested in the work.



CHAPEL OF THE INDIAN MISSION.
Rev. Stucki, Falls River, Wisconsin, Missionary

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1887.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Thursday	1 Eligius	1 Cor. 7:	6 16	♍ 29	♀ rises 3 8 ☋	11	7 19	4 41	2 12
Friday	2 John Ruysbrock	Gen. 3:	7 23	♎ 16	♀ gr. Elong. West ☊	10	7 19	4 41	2 54
Saturday	3 Gerhard Groot	" 8: 15 to 9: 17.	8 37	♎ 29	☿ ♀ ♃	10	7 20	4 40	3 47

49] *2d Sunday in Advent.* Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Acts 17: 15–34	9 45	♏ 14	♄ ♂ ☽. Sirius rises 8.54	9	7 20	4 40	4 27
Monday	5 Crispin	Gen. 15:	10 47	♏ 28	♃ rises 3 22	9	7 21	4 39	5 13
Tuesday	6 Nicholas	Deut. 5:	11 52	♐ 12	♀ gr. Elong. West. ☿ rises 6 36	9	7 21	4 39	5 51
Wednesday	7 Paulus Odontius	Exodus 12:	morn.	♐ 25	7th. ♄ rises 8 32	8	7 22	4 38	6 41
Thursday	8 Mart. Rinkard	Deut. 27:	12 57	♑ 8	♄ ♂ ☽. ♄ rises 12 56	8	7 22	4 38	7 40
Friday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Romans 7:	2 5	♑ 20	☿ ♂ ☽. ♋ Rigel rises 10 10	7	7 23	4 37	8 39
Saturday	10 Paul Eber	Leviticus 16:	3 13	♑ 5	♀ ♂ ☽. Orion rises 6 9	7	7 23	4 37	9 30

50] *3d Sunday in Advent.* Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*

Sunday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Is. 40: John 5:	4 18	♑ 15	☽ Formal sets 9 45	6	7 23	4 37	10 24
Monday	12 Spiridion	1 Pet. 1: 3–12	5 19	♑ 27	☽ in Per. ♀ in Per. ♃ ♂ ☽ ☿	6	7 24	4 36	11 21
Tuesday	13 Odilia	2 Samuel 7:	6 23	♒ 9	♀ rises 3 19	5	7 24	4 36	12 19
Wednesday	14 *Ember Day*	Joel 3:	☽ sets	♒ 21	14th. Spica rises 2 26	5	7 24	4 36	1 17
Thursday	15 Christiana	Jeremiah 23:	6 12	♓ 3	♃ rises 2 51 ☋	4	7 25	4 35	1 57
Friday	16 Adelheid	" 31:	7 0	♓ 15	♄ rises 12 43	4	7 25	4 35	2 55
Saturday	17 Sturm	Isa. 52: 13; 53:	7 59	♓ 27	Arietis south 8 20	3	7 25	4 35	3 41

51] *4th Sunday in Advent.* John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf.	John 3: 23–36	8 57	♈ 9	♄ rises 7 42	3	7 25	4 35	4 30
Monday	19 Clem. Alexandrinus.	Isaiah 42:	9 59	♈ 21	♀ rises 3 25	2	7 25	4 35	5 14
Tuesday	20 Abraham	" 49:	10 58	♉ 3	♃ rises 2 34	2	7 25	4 35	5 56
Wednesday	21 Thomas	" 55:	11 56	♉ 15	☉ enters ♑. Shortest Day.	1	7 26	4 35	6 38
Thursday	22 Hugh McKail	" 58:	morn.	♉ 28	22d. Winter Commences	1	7 25	4 35	7 13
Friday	23 Anna du Bourg	" 60:	12 40	♊ 10	☽ in apo. ♄ rises 12 20	1	7 25	4 35	7 50
Saturday	24 Adam and Eve	" 11: 1–10	1 14	♊ 22	☿ in ♋. Aldebaran south 10 13	Sun	7 25	4 35	8 45

52] *Christmas Sunday.* Luke 2: 15–21; 2 Cor. 2: 8–17. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*

Sunday	25 *Christmas*	Is. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1	2 6	♋ 7	♄ in Aphelion	s'w	7 25	4 35	9 37
Monday	25 Stephen	Psalm 2: 110:	3 4	♋ 22	♀ rises 3 41	0	7 25	4 35	10 17
Tuesday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	4 12	♌ 7	♄ rises 7 00	1	7 25	4 35	10 52
Wednesday	28 Innocents	" 49:	5 24	♌ 22	☿ ♄ rises 12 18 ☊	2	7 25	4 35	11 23
Thursday	29 David	Romans 8:	6 20	♍ 7	Altair sets 7 35	2	7 24	4 36	12 20
Friday	30 Christian of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1–6	☽ rises	♍ 22	30th. ♃ rises 1 59	3	7 24	4 36	1 19
Saturday	31 John Wicliff	Psalm 90:	6 14	♎ 7	☉ in Per. ♄ ♂ ☽	3	7 24	4 36	1 57

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	7th,	10	o'clock,	10	minutes,	evening.
New Moon,	14th,	2	"	21	"	afternoon.
First Quarter,	22d,	2	"	1	"	morning.
Full Moon,	30th,	3	"	14	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, mild; 6, 7, 8, fair and frosty; 9, 10, rain and snow; 11, 12, 13, fair and mild; 15, 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, frosty; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, snow; 29, fair; 30, 31, snow.

A Minister's Usefulness.

A FAITHFUL minister of Jesus Christ says there are three lions appointed by the devil to stand in the way of a minister's usefulness, all of which he must slay if he would be a man of God, wise to win souls, and clear from the blood of all men. The first is called, "Lean to thine own understanding," and is stationed at the closet door to bar the way to secret prayer and fellowship with God. The second is called, "The fear of man," and is stationed at the pulpit door to bar the way to the hearts and consciences of men. The third is called, "Men-pleaser," and is stationed at the doors of the houses of the members of his congregation, over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer, to bar the way to earnest personal dealing with them as to the state of their souls before God.

CENTENARY REFORMED CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

REV. S. L. WHITMORE, PASTOR.

This Church was erected originally by funds contributed by Virginia Classis, in commemoration of the Centennial celebrated by the Reformed Church in 1840.

MEN'S lives should be like the days, more beautiful in the evening; or like the seasons aglow with promises, and the Autumn rich with golden sheaves, where good words and deeds have ripened on the field.

☞ TEN thousand of the greatest faults in our neighbors are of less consequence to us than one of the smallest in ourselves.

CHRISTMAS SONG.

Light on thy hills, Jerusalem!
The Saviour now is born:
More bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains
Breaks the first Christmas morn;
And brighter on Moriah's brow,
Crowned with her temple-spires,
Which first proclaim the new-born light,
Clothed with its orient fires.

"Glory to God!" the lofty strain,
The realm of ether fills:
How sweeps the song of solemn joy
O'er Judah's sacred hills!
"Glory to God!" the sounding skies
Loud with their anthems ring:
"Peace on the earth; good-will to men,
From heaven's eternal King."

THE CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

OF ALL the days in the year there is but this one that awakens a common interest among the people of all Christian nations. The nations have their separate special days celebrating particular events in their own history. Our own country has its Fourth of July, its Washington's Birthday, its Decoration Day, and now its National Thanksgiving. But these days have no particular interest to the people of any other country. But here is one day of the year, the holy Christmas-tide, which belongs to all Christian nations and to all the world alike. Let the day be kept with holy merriment and universal joy. Let grateful mirth be mingled with happy song, and let every heart awake to gladness for the birth of the holy Babe of Bethlehem.

STATISTICS OF MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARDS OF THE DIFFERENT SYNODS, FOR THE YEARS 1885-1886.

BOARDS.	Missions.	Congregat'n's.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Benevolence.	Value of Property.	Indebtedness	Reduction of Indebtedness.
Tri-Synodic—United States, Pittsburg, Potomac,	65	102	5323	606	755	$2,014 00	$227,870 00	$20,162 00	$3,077 00
Ohio,	12	25	989	78	50	193 20	25,775 00	414 00	50 00
Northwest and Central,	5	6	602	67	52	174 00	14,000 00	4,000 00	1,500 00
German Synod of the East,	7	7	1937	359	88	393 00			
Total,	89	140	8851	1110	945	2,774 20	267,645 00	24,576 00	4,627 00

DANIEL SCHOLL OBSERVATORY.

THE sketched views of the buildings on the College Campus to be found on another page, give a good idea of this late acquisition to their number through the liberality of Mrs. Jas. M. Hood, of Frederick, Md., who contributed $10,000 towards its erection and equipment, as a memorial to her father. May the example here set be followed by those who are blessed with the means in adding to the efficiency and usefulness of the College!

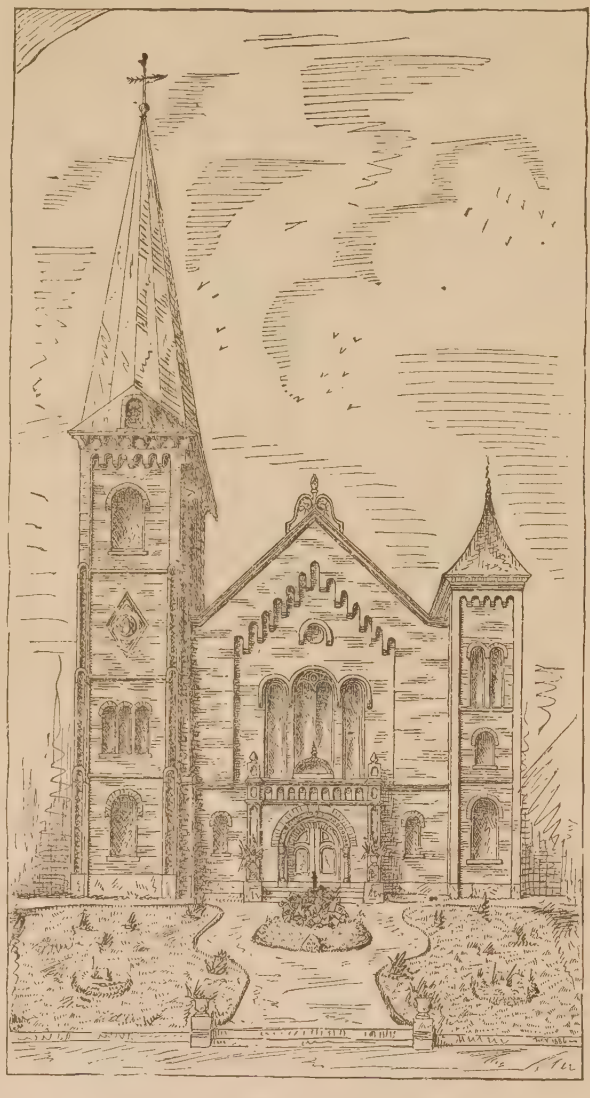
WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

WHAT are the 130 millions that belong to Protestant Churches doing for the 285 millions belonging to the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Churches, and the eight millions of Jews, and the 175 millions of Mohammedans, and the 850 millions of pagans?

They have sent out and are supporting about 3,600 missionaries and employing about 20,000 native workers, expending in this over ten millions of dollars a year.

What has been the result of the labors of these Protestant workers?

About 800,000 communicants are now gathered into the Protestant churches they have organized.



TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH, YORK, PA.
REV. J. O. MILLER, D.D., PASTOR.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

WE can point with just pride as a Church, to the Homes set up and maintained by the Church for the care and comfort of our orphan children. We now have four, all in a good condition, whereas, a few years ago we had only one, and further back still, none. They need the support, the interest and prayers of our people. Let them be remembered!

CHURCH PAPER.

Does THE MESSENGER, the paper of your Church, pay you its weekly visits? If it does not, why is it? You lose much by not allowing it to do so. Subscribe for it ot once: $2.00 per year. Have your pastor send for it for you, and pay for it in *advance!* You will not regret it.

☞ MANY persons only have the gospel on or about them, not in them, and in some trying time it is torn away; indeed, it may even fall off of itself, like rags that have decayed into shreds and tatters.

PREMIUM TRACTS, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Circulate them! Send for a supply of each. Pastors would do well, as also pious laymen, to have a good supply of them in their pockets to hand them out as they go about their daily duties.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
BETHANY	Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	REV. T. M. YUNDT	68
ST. PAUL'S	Butler, Butler County, Pa.	REV. P. C. PRUGH	55
REFORMED	Fort Wayne, Ind.	REV. J. RETTIG	36
ZOAR	Detroit, Mich.	REV. WM. HANSEN	25

NECROLOGY.

From September 1st, 1885, to August 31st, 1886.

MILLETT, REV. JOHN K.—Born in Berks Co., Pa., June 13th, 1836. Educated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Studied Theology with Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D. Licensed in 1860, and ordained in 1861. First charge, supply at Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa.; (2) Nittany charge, Centre Co., Pa., twelve years; (3) Paradise charge, Northumberland Co., Pa., his last pastorate. Married E. E. Gutelius, July 5th, 1859, who died before him, February 25th, 1885. Had five children, of whom one son and three daughters survive him. Was drowned whilst fishing in the Susquehanna river, opposite Watsontown, Pa., September 9th, 1885; aged 49 years, 3 months and 26 days. Buried in Paradise Church Cemetery, Northumberland Co., Pa.

GRING, REV. JOHN.—Born at Sinking Spring, Berks Co., Pa., March 15th, 1801. Studied Theology privately with Rev. J. W. Dechant. Licensed and ordained, October 24th, 1824. First and only charge, Fredericksburg, Pa. Resigned in 1870, having served it forty-six years. Since then, lived in retirement, latterly at Lebanon, Pa. Married Susanna Boyer, October 17th, 1824, who died two years before him. They had four children, two surviving him. Died at Lebanon, Pa., December 13th, 1885, aged 84 years, 8 months and 29 days. Buried at Fredericksburg, Pa.

MECKLY, REV. JOHN.—Born in Hanover, York Co., Pa., November 2d, 1812. Licensed by the United Brethren Church. Received into ministry of the Reformed Church by Eastern Ohio Classis, September, 1869. Ordained and installed pastor of Berlin Mission, February 15th, 1870, six months; (2) Springfield, O., twelve years. Since then lived in retirement. Married Elizabeth Sell, who died May 6th, 1881, and was again married to Anna Getz, who, with three children by his first wife, survive him. Died at Petersburg, O., April 16th, 1886; aged 73 years, 5 months and 14 days. Buried at Petersburg, O.

NEVIN, D. D,, LL. D., REV. JOHN WILLIAMSON.—Born in Franklin Co., Pa., February 20th, 1803. Graduated at Union College, N. Y., 1821, and pursued his theological studies at Princeton Seminary, N. J., graduating in 1826. During that year, was called to supply temporarily, the Chair of Oriental and Biblical Literature at Princeton, made vacant by the absence of Dr. Hodge in Europe. Licensed by the Presbytery of Carlisle, October, 1828. In 1829, became Professor of Biblical Literature in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pa. In 1840, became Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S., located at Mercersburg, Pa. On the death of Rev. Dr. F. A. Rauch, in 1841, became also President of Marshall College, at Mercersburg, Pa. In 1843, was involved in the "Anxious Bench Controversy," through the publication of a book called "The Anxious Bench." From 1849 to 1853, was editor of *The Mercersburg Review*. Resigned his Professorship in the Theological Seminary in 1851, and the Presidency of the College, on its removal to Lancaster, in 1853. For eight years, lived in semi-privacy at his home, Caernarvon Place, near Lancaster city, Pa. In the Fall of 1861, became Professor of History and Æsthetics in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and in 1866, became once more its President. In 1876, resigned the same, and since then lived in retirement. Married Martha J. Jenkins in 1835, who with two sons and three daughters, survives him. Died at Lancaster, Pa., June 6th, 1886, in the 84th year of his age. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa.

BOWERS, ANDREW J.—Son of Solomon and Mary Bowers. Born near Weyers' Cave, Augusta Co., Va., October 14th, 1836. Prepared for college at Mossy Creek Academy, Va. Graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, 1864, and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., in 1867; after which he went to Germany to further pursue his studies. Returned and was licensed by the Classis of Virginia, in 1870. Was private tutor in Philadelphia, and thereafter a Professor in Ursinus College. Failing health compelled him to return to Virginia. Regaining his health somewhat, entered his first and only charge, Mill Creek, Va., and was ordained January, 1875. Fifteen months thereafter, resigned. Lived in retirement to the end of his life. Was unmarried. Died at Weyers' Cave, June 6th, 1886, aged 49 years, 7 months and 22 days. Buried at St. Paul's Reformed Church, Augusta Co., Va.

GERHARD, REV. WILLIAM TRAUTMAN.—Son of Frederick and Magdalena (Trautman) Gerhard. Born in Tulpehocken Township, Berks Co., Pa., December 10th, 1809. Studied privately with Rev. Fred. A. Herman, then entered the High School and Theological Seminary at York, Pa. Licensed in 1835, and ordained in 1836. First charge, Bern, Berks Co., Pa., four years; (2) five churches in Northampton Co.; (3) Durham, Bucks Co., fifteen years; (4) Congregations around Lancaster city, Pa., eleven years; (5) St. John's, Lancaster, Pa., five years; (6) and last, Zwingli, (German), Harrisburg, Pa., nearly two years. Married to Elizabeth Seibert, December, 1835, who died in 1881. Their union was blessed with five sons and two daughters, all but one, a son, survive him. Died at Harrisburg, Pa., whilst on a visit, August 18th, 1886, aged 77 years, 7 months and 26 days. Buried at Lancaster, Pa.

*TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF THE PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS, 1836-1885—50 YEARS.

PREPARED BY HON. JONES DETWILER, BLUE BELL, PA.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	No. of Ministers enrolled.	No. Ministers at Annual Meeting.	No. of Elders at Annual Meeting.
1836, Nov. 16	Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Geo. Wack	Rev. Cornelius Gates	Rev. Henry Bibighaus	22	13	6
1837, May 5	Red Hook, Duchess Co., N. Y.	" John Rudy	" Wm. T. Sprole	" " "	21	9	3
1838, " 18	Wentz's, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Henry Bibighaus	" John C. Guldin	" Geo. Wack	22	14	8
1839, " 21	Germantown, Pa.	" S. Helfenstein, Jr.	" " "	" " "	20	9	9
1840, " 19	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. Helfenstein, Sr.	" " "	" " "	18	13	6
1841, " 1†	Indian Creek, Bucks Co., Pa.	" Jos. F. Berg	" Jacob W. Hangen	" Samuel Helfenstein, Sr.	13	12	10
1842, " 3	St. Matthew's, Chester Co., Pa.	" Wm. E. Cornwell	" " "	" " "	15	7	5
1843, " 6	Boehm's, Mont. Co., Pa	" Albert Helfenstein	" S. Helfenstein, Jr.	" " "	13	10	7
1844, " 14	Germantown, Pa	" S. Helfenstein, D.D.	" Jacob Helfenstein	" " "	11	9	6
1845, " 13	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Jesse B. Knipe	" John S. Foulke	" " "	13	7	8
1846, " 12	Union, Whitemarsh, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. Helfenstein, D.D.	" John R. Kooken	" " "	13	9	6
1847, " 8	Pleasantville, Bucks Co., Pa.	" Henry Bibighaus	" S. Helfenstein, Jr.	" " "	13	10	5
1848, " 9	Norristown, Mont., Co., Pa.	" Wm. E. Cornwell	" " "	" " "	12	9	8
1849, " 8	Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.	" Jacob Helfenstein	" " "	" " "	17	10	7
1850, " 14	Germantown, Pa.	" John R. Kooken	" " "	" Albert Helfenstein	17	12	9
1851, " 12	Pikeland, Chester Co., Pa.	" Geo. L. Staley	" " "	" " "	17	13	8
1852, " 18	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Geo. D. Wolff	" " "	" Alfred B. Shenkle	17	14	9
1853, " 10	Church of Apostles, Phila., Pa.	" Jesse B. Knipe	" " "	" " "	19	17	9
1854, " 16	Boehm's, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. Helfenstein, D.D.	" " "	" " "	18	13	8
1855, " 18	St. Vincent, Chester, Co., Pa.	" Wm. Philips	" " "	" Chas. Lukens	20	10	9
1856, " 20	Pleasantville, Bucks Co., Pa.	" J. H. A. Bomberger	" Nicholas Gehr	" " "	15	11	10
1857, March 19	Union, Whitemarsh, Mont. Co., Pa.	" J. H. A. Bomberger	" Sam'l G. Wagner	" Sam'l G. Wagner	16	10	7
1858, May 25	Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.	" John Ermantrout	" Sam'l G. Wagner	" J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	17	12	7
1859, June 14	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Nicholas Gehr	" N. S. Aller	" " "	17	11	13
1860,	St. Peter's, Gwynedd, Mont. Co., Pa.	" N. S. Aller	" P. S. Davis	" " "	20	13	11
1861, May 21	Ascension, Norrist'n, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Jesse B. Knipe	" G. D. Wolff	" " "	21	14	11
1862, June 10	Bethlehem Church, Phila., Pa.	" Nicholas Gehr	" S. H. Geisy	" " "	24	17	14
1863, May 25	Green St. Church, Phila., Pa.	" Samuel G. Wagner	" Jacob Dahlman, Jr.	" " "	24	13	10
1864, " 16	Boehm's, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. H. Geisy	" " "	" " "	26	17	14
1865, June 6	Brownback's, Chester Co., Pa.	" Daniel Gans	" " "	" " "	30	17	15
1866, May 22	Wentz's, Mont. Co., Pa.	" John G. Weihle	" " "	" " "	33	22	13
1867, " 31	Union, Whitemarsh, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. R. Fisher, D.D.	" " "	" " "	32	25	14
1868, June 2	East Vincent, Chester Co., Pa.	" D. E. Klopp	" " "	" " "	34	22	20
1869, May 20	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" A. G. Dole	" " "	" Jacob Dahlman	32	21	15
1870, June 10	Trinity, Philadelphia, Pa.	" Abram Romich	" " "	" " "	32	26	19
1871, May 15	Zion's, Philadelphia, Pa.	" John Gantenbein	" " "	" " "	30	24	22
1872, " 10	St. Luke's, North Wales, Pa.	" Daniel Feete	" " "	" " "	30	23	18
1873, June 3‡	Shenkle's, Chester Co., Pa.	" Jos. H. Dubbs	" John G. Noss	" " "	24	22	15
1874, " 5	St. Matthew's, Chester Co., Pa.	" H. W. Super, D.D.	" " "	John Weist	25	15	15
1875, " 11	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.	" W. C. Hendrickson	" " "	Hiram C. Hoover	27	18	16
1876, May 19	Trinity, Phila delphia, Pa.	" D. E. Klopp, D.D.	" " "	" "	29	24	17
1877, June 1	Pleasantville, Bucks Co., Pa.	" Henry M. Keiffer	" John H. Sechler.	" "	28	15	13
1878, " 14	Boehm's, Mont. Co., Pa.	" A. S. Zerbe	" " "	" "	30	18	17
1879, " 6	Ascension, Norrist'n, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Geo. H. Johnston	" " "	" "	30	21	15
1880, " 4	East Vincent, Chester Co., Pa.	" Jas. I. Good	" " "	" "	28	19	15
1881, " 10	Wyoming, Del.	" J. D. Detrich	" " "	" "	28	15	13
1882, " 2	Union, Whitemarsh, Mont. Co., Pa.	" Geo. S. Sorber	" " "	" "	27	23	17
1883, " 8	Trinity, Philadelphia, Pa.	" D. Van Horne, D.D.	" " "	" "	27	21	18
1884, " 6	North Wales, Mont. Co., Pa.	" S. P. Mauger	" " "	" "	28	18	19
1885, " 4	First Church, Phila., Pa.	" D. W. Ebbert	" " "	" "	26	17	20

*Prior to 1836, the following facts may be here noted:

(1.) In 1819, the Charges of the whole Church were formed into Districts. The city and county of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester and Bucks Counties, formed the First District.

(2.) In 1820, the First District was changed to Philadelphia Classis.

(3.) In 1826, Philadelphia and Northampton Classes were united under the name of East Pennsylvania Classis.

(4.) In 1836, Philadelphia Classis was constituted out of East Pennsylvania Classes, and consisted of city and county of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks and part of Montgomery, Counties.

†Goshenhoppen Classis was organized in November of that year, out of a portion of the territory of Philadelphia Classis, and five of its ministers connected with the same.

‡The German Philadelphia Classis was organized January 14th, 1874, and nine ministers were dismissed to connect therewith.

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First, third and fourth class matter may be registered at 10 cents each package in addition to regular postage.

All matter not prepaid at letter rates must be so wrapped that it can be examined without destroying the wrapper, and can name contents, from whom and address, and nothing more. A business card may be printed, impressed, or pasted on the wrappers. Liquids, poisons, explosives and other dangerous matters are excluded.

MONEY ORDERS.

No fraction of a cent allowed in any money order.

Postal notes from one cent to $5, three cents.

Rates on Money Orders in United States—Not exceeding $5, five cts.; $10, eight cts.; over $15 to $30, ten cts.; over $30 to $40, fifteen cts.; over $40 to $50, twenty cts.

Money Orders to Great Britain or Ireland—Not exceeding $10, twenty-five cents; over $10 to $20, fifty cents; over $20 to $30, seventy cents; over $30 to $40, eighty-five cents; over $40 to $50, one dollar.

Money orders to German Empire, France, Italy, Canada, and Algeria—Not exceeding $10, fifteen cents; over $10 to $20, thirty cents; over $20 to $30, forty-five cents; over $30 to $40, sixty cents; over $40 to $50, seventy-five cents.

Money Orders to Switzerland—Not exceeding $10, twenty-five cents; over $10 to $20, fifty cents; over $20 to $30, seventy-five cents; over $30 to $40, one dollar; over $40 to $50, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

A CONSTITUTION

For Auxiliary Missionary Societies.

NAME.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at ————————, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

OBJECT.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the Pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

ART. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Secretary, and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church, and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

MEETINGS.

ART. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine services on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missionary festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed as will tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

FUNDS.

ART. 9. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

ART. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

ART. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

BY-LAWS.

ART. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

From September 1st, 1885, to August 31st, 1886.

1885.
Sept. 2—Second Anniversary of the Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent.
" 3—Opening of Fall Session of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Address by the President, Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D.
" " Acceptance of the resignation of Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., as Editor of "The Guardian," and appointment of Rev. H. M. Kieffer, of Easton, Pa., as his successor by the Board of Publication.
" 7—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the North West, Terre Haute, Ind., Rev. M. G. I. Stern, President.
" 9—Drowning of Rev. J. K. Millett, Pastor of Paradise Charge, Northumberland Co., Pa.
" " Annual Meeting of the German Synod of the East, Baltimore, Md., Rev. C. Brunner, President, Rev. C. Borchers, Stated Clerk.
" 13—Laying of corner-stone of Church, Sunbury, Pa., Rev. J. Cal. Leinbach, Pastor.
" 16—Annual Meeting of Pittsburg Synod, Berlin, Pa., Rev. H. F. Keener, President, Rev. J. M. Schick, Stated Clerk.
" 22—Laying of corner-stone of Church at Overton, Bradford Co., Pa., Rev. C. S. Mutschler, Pastor.
Oct. 14—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the United States, Mifflinburg, Pa., Rev. J. A. Peters, President, Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk.
" " Annual Meeting of the Synod of Ohio, Louisville, O., Rev. H. H. W. Hibschman, D. D., President, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk.
" 15—Ordination and Commissioning of W. E. Hoy as Third Missionary to Japan, Mifflinburg, Pa., by a committee of West Susquehanna Classis and the officers of the Board of Foreign Commissioners.
" 20—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Potomac, Chambersburg, Pa., Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., President, Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.
" 21—Annual Meeting of Central Synod, Vermillion, O., Rev. J. Bachman, President, Rev. C. G. Zipf, Stated Clerk.
" 25—Dedication of Church, Aaronsburg, Pa., Rev. Z. A. Yearick, Pastor.

1885.
Nov. 8—Dedication of Trinity Church, Everett, Pa., Rev. W. I. Stewart, Pastor.
" 11—Laying of corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Union Bridge, Md., Rev. A. J. Weber, Supply.
" 13—Death of Rev. John Gring, Lebanon, Pa.
" " Dedication of St. Mark's Chapel, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Pastor.
" 20—Dedication of Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, Rev. G. Johnston, Pastor.
1886.
Jan. 7—Opening of Winter Term of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Address by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.
" 14—Organization of St. Paul's Mission, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Pastor.
" " Acceptance of resignation of Rev. D. B. Albright as Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., by the Board of Trustees.
Feb. 6—Formal Opening of a Missionary Institute on the Pacific Coast, Portland, Oregon, with two students, Rev. J. Gantenbein, D. D., in charge.
" 11—Election of Rev. T. M. Yundt as Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.
" 14—Dedication of St. Jacob's Church, O., Rev. J. H. Steele, Pastor.
" 17—Dedication of Church, Loyal Oak, O., Rev. E. H. Otting, Pastor.
" 20—Eighty-third Anniversary of the birth of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., LL.D., appropriately observed by family and friends.
" 21—Re-dedication of Third Street Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. H. M. Kieffer, Pastor.
Mar. 4—Burning of old Goethean Hall, Mercersburg, Pa.
" 7—Dedication of Emmanuel's Church, Buffalo, Perry Co., Pa., Rev. F. S. Lindaman, Pastor.
" 14—Dedication of Church, Salina, Pa., Rev. W. M. Andrews, Pastor.
" 28—Re-dedication of Trinity Church, Blain Charge, Perry Co., Pa., Rev. F. S. Lindaman, Pastor.
Apr. 16—Death of Rev. John Meckly, Petersburg, O.
May 6—Dedication of Church, Sunbury, Pa., Rev. J. Cal. Leinbach, Pastor.
" 9—Dedication of Zion's Church, Arendtsville, Pa., Rev. M. H. Sangree, Pastor.
" 13—Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Ten graduates.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—CONTINUED.

1886.

May 17—Laying of corner-stone of Trinity Church, Roxbury, Somerset Co., Pa., Rev. S. T. Wagner, Pastor.

" 20—Annual Commencement of Catawba College, Newton, N. C., Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., President.

" 23—Laying of corner-stone of Martha's Memorial Church (German), New York, N. Y., Rev. F. Fox, Pastor.

" 30—Dedication of St. Mark's Chapel, Pleasant Valley, Va., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Pastor.

June 1—Farewell Services held in Salem's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., before the departure of Misses Lizzie R. Poorbaugh and Mary B. Ault, as Missionaries to Japan.

" 6—Death of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., LL. D., Lancaster, Pa.

" " Death of Rev. A. J. Bowers, Weyer's Cave, Va.

" " Laying of corner-stone of Zion's Church Chapel, Allentown, Pa., Rev. E. A. Gernant, Pastor.

" 12—Sailing of Lady Missionaries, Misses Poorbaugh and Ault, from San Francisco, Cal., in the "City of Sydney," for Japan.

" 13—Dedication of Klopp's Church, Lebanon Co., Pa., Rev. H. J. Welker, Pastor.

" " Dedication of Church, Larimer, Pa., Rev. A. E. Truxal, Pastor.

" 16 Dedication of New Building, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O. Address by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., of Collegeville, Pa.

" 17 Annual Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., President. 28 graduates.

" " Annual Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., President. Eleven graduates.

" 19 Nineteenth Anniversary of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, President. Ten graduates.

" 20 One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of First Church, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., Pastor.

" " Dedication of Christ Church, Adamsburg, Snyder Co., Pa., Rev. Wm. M. Landis, Pastor.

" " Commencement of College of Northern Illinois, Dakota, Ills., Rev. F. Wetzel, A. M., President. Seven graduates.

" " Laying of corner-stone of Salem's Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Rev. C. Keller, Pastor.

" 22—Annual Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa., Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., President. One graduate.

" 24—Annual Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL.D., President. Six graduates.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—CONTINUED.

1886.

June 25—Annual Commencement of Allentown Female College, Allentown, Pa., Rev. W. M. Reily, Ph. D., President. Nine graduates.

" 27—Laying of corner-stone of Bethel Mission Church, corner of 21st and Tasker streets, Philadelphia, Pa., by Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., and others.

" 30—Closing Exercises of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Pa., Rev. W. W. Deatrick, A. M., Principal.

July 4—Arrival of the Lady Missionaries, Misses Poorbaugh and Ault, at Yokohama, Japan.

Aug. 1—Re-dedication of Church in Huntingdon, Pa., Rev. C. J. Musser, Pastor.

" "—Laying of corner-stone of Mission Church, Abilene, Kansas, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Pastor.

" 15—Dedication of Church, Meyersdale, Pa., Rev. J. M. Schick, Pastor.

" 18—Death of Rev. W. T. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.

" 22—Laying of corner-stone of Zion's Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. E. A. Gernant, Pastor.

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

In making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of———dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of———dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburg Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of——— dollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of———dollars; to the 'Society for the relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of———dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of———dollars, and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of———dollars; the several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective associations for the general purposes of their organization."

MEETING OF THE CLASSES

OF THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURG, AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania	Hamilton, Monroe Co., Pa.	May 20th, 1887.
Lebanon	Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.	June 20th, 1887.
Philadelphia	Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
Lancaster	Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
East Susquehanna	Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa.	June 15th, 1887.
West Susquehanna	Adamsburg, Snyder Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
Goshenhoppen	Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.	May 13th, 1887.
Tohickon	Ridge Road, Bucks Co., Pa.	May 20th, 1887.
Westmoreland	St. John's Church, Johnstown, Pa.	May 5th, 1887.
Clarion	Eddyville, Armstrong Co., Pa.	June 22d, 1887.
St. Paul's	Deckard's, Crawford Co., Pa.	June 10th, 1887.
Somerset	Mt. Zion Church, Brother's Valley, Somerset Co., Pa.	May 11th, 1887.
Allegheny	McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
Zion's	Kreutz-Creek Church, York Co., Pa.	May 13th, 1887.
Maryland	Glade Church, Frederick Co., Md.	May 20th, 1887.
Mercersburg	Ft. Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	April 27th, 1887.
Virginia	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va.	May 4th, 1887.
North Carolina	Concord, N. C.	May 4th, 1887.
Lehigh	Cedarville, Lehigh Co., Pa.	May 3d, 1887.
San Francisco		
Portland—Oregon	St. Peter's Church, Mink P. O., Oregon	June 2d, 1887.
Gettysburg	Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
Carlisle	Zion's Church, near Newburg, Pa.	April 28th, 1887.
Juniata	Huntingdon, Hunt. Co., Pa.	May 19th, 1887.
Schuylkill	Shenandoah, Sch. Co., Pa.	May 5th, 1887.

PERIODICALS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
ENGLISH.			
The Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Weekly	1827
Christian World	Dayton, Ohio	"	1848
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	Monthly	1850
Scholar's Quarterly	" " " "	Quarterly	1882
The Sunday School Treasury	" " " "	Semi-Monthly	1859
Sunshine	" " " "	Weekly	1879
Reformed Missionary Herald	" " " "	Monthly	1849
Reformed Quarterly Review	" " " "	Quarterly	1873
The Instructor	Dayton, Ohio	Semi-Monthly	1873
Leaves of Light	" "	"	1883
Golden Words	" "	Weekly	1883
Little Pearls	" "	Monthly	1877
Orphan's Friend	Butler, Pa.	"	1880
College Student	Lancaster, Pa.	"	1880
Heidelberg Monthly Journal	Tiffin, Ohio	"	1880
Ursinus Bulletin	Collegeville, Pa.	"	1885
GERMAN.			
Kirchenzeitung und Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio	Weekly	1838
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa.	Every other week	1866
Der Lammerhirte	Cleveland, Ohio	Monthly	1859
Der Missionar	Sheboygan, Wis.	"	1880
Die Abendlust	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1876
Der Kinderfreund	San Francisco, Cal.	"	1882
Der Missionsbote	Cleveland, Ohio	"	1885

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.		Erasures of N.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.					Excom.						Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.
Synod of U. S.	9	218	451	74,079	44,667	6,503	420	4,215	1,427	59,197	822	10	393	2,375	523	47,312	64	$47,205 00	$311,382 00
Synod of Ohio,	10	144	287	19,045	7,210	850	522	1,361	708	15,073	288	1	940	380	225	17,495	25	11,082 00	77,100 00
Ger. Synod, N. West,	9	115	156	14,074	10,457	1,208	15	758	669	10,499	243	22	258	339	139	8,375	22	9,711 00	58,799 00
Synod of Pittsburgh,	5	55	130	12,475	8,855	767	63	585	429	10,214	284	1	120	237	102	7,510	12	8,614 07	50,024 18
Synod of the Potomac,	10	143	288	29,857	19,277	1,907	253	1,595	866	24,731	518	5	167	726	242	19,001	28	21,795 43	122,224 21
Ger. Sy'd of the East,	5	45	41	11,440	6,821	2,107	13	713	764	8,784	68	2	278	454	44	8,011	7	5,658 00	71,945 00
Central Synod,	4	68	115	15,967	10,792	1,217	34	789	495	12,151	157	30	268	423	99	9,169	15	9,889 00	54,048 00
Total: 7 Dis't Synods,	52	788	1,468	176,937	108,079	14,559	1,320	10,026	5,358	140,649	2,380	71	2,424	4,934	1,374	116,873	173	$113,954 50	$746,122 39

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa.	T. G. Apple, D. D., LL. D.
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.
Catawba College	Newton, N. C.	J. C. Clapp, D. D.
Mercersburg College	Mercersburg, Pa.	G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.
Clarion Collegiate Institute	Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.	Rev. W. W. Deatrick, A. M.
Palatinate College	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, A. M.
Juniata Collegiate Institute	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	P. H. Bridenbaugh, A. B.
Greensburg Collegiate Institute	Greensburg, Pa.	Rev. Lucian Cort, A. M.
Ursinus College	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.	J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D.
Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	Rev. A. Accola.
Eastern Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa.	E. V. Gerhart, D. D.
Western Theological Seminary	Tiffin, Ohio	J. H. Good, D. D.
Mission House	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin	
Allentown Female College	Allentown, Pa.	W. M. Reily, Ph. D.
College of Northern Illinois	Dakota, Ills.	Rev. F. Wetzel, A. M.
Pleasantville Collegiate Institute	Pleasantville, Ohio	
International Academy	Portland, Oregon	J. Gantenbein, D. D.
Claremont Female College	Hickory, N. C.	Mrs. C. V. B. Bonney.
Edgehill Family School	Littlestown, Pa.	W. E. Krebs, A. M.

AGED MINISTERS IN OUR CHURCH.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man."—Lev. 19 : 32.

All of the following Ministers are still living, and have been ordained over fifty years:

NAME.	ORDAINED.	ADDRESS.
Rev. David Kemmerer, D. D.	1827	Wooster, Ohio.
Rev. John C. Bucher, D. D.	1828	Lewisburg, Union County, Pa.
Rev. C. W. Schultz	1830	Camden, N. J.
Rev. G. W. Glessner, D. D.	1832	Shippensburg, Pa.
Rev. R. Duenger, D. D.	1834	Ashland, Pa.
Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D.	1834	Canton, Ohio.
Rev. J. C. Hensel	1835	Mount Crawford, Va.
Rev. T. H. Winters	1835	Xenia, Ohio.

WHERE TO SEND CHURCH MONEY.

OBJECT.	IN WHAT SYNOD.	TREASURER.	ADDRESS.
Foreign Missions,	General Synod,	Hon. R. F. Kelker,	Harrisburg, Pa.
Home Missions,	" "	Charles Santee,	532 N. Sixth St. Phila., Pa.
" "	Joint Synods, East'n, Pittsburgh and Potomac.	W. H. Seibert,	Harrisburg, Pa.
" "	German Synod of the East,	N. Wetzel,	548 E. York St., Phila., Pa.
" "	Ohio Synod,	Rev. J. J. Leberman,	Louisville, Ohio.
" "	Synod of the Northwest,	Rev. M. G. I. Stern,	30 Park av., Indianapolis, I.
Beneficiary Education,	Eastern Synod,	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher,	907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
" "	Ohio Synod,	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio.
" "	Pittsburgh Synod,	T. J. Craig,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
" "	Potomac Synod,	Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick,	Mercersburg, Pa.
Society for Relief of Ministers,	General Synod,	Rev. S. S. Miller,	Boonesboro, Md.
Eastern Theological Seminary,	Eastern Synod,	John B. Roth,	Lancaster, Pa.
Western " "	Ohio Synod,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D.D.,	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Franklin and Marshall College,	Eastern Synod,	Jacob Bausman,	Lancaster, Pa.
Heidelberg College,	Ohio Synod,	Hon. N. L. Brewer,	Tiffin, Ohio.
Mercersburg College,	Potomac Synod,	E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.,	Chambersburg, Pa.
Ursinus College,	Eastern Synod,	Frank M. Hobson,	Freeland, Pa.
Sheboygan Mission Home,	Synod of the Northwest,	Rev. J. T. Kluge,	Sheboygan, Wis.
Bethany Orphan Home,	Eastern Synod,	C. G. Gross,	3716 Haverford St., Phila.
St. Paul's Orphan Home,	Pittsburgh Synod,	B. Wolf, Jr.,	304 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.
Missions among the Indians,	Synod of the Northwest,	Rev. Ludwig Zenk,	Kiel, Manitowoc Co., Wis.
Calvin Institute,	" " "	Rev. R. Wiers,	19 Louis St., Cleveland, O.
Reformed Orphan Home,	" " "	Rev. C. F. Kriete,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884
Synods,	2	2	3	4	6	6	6	7
Classes,	26	29	31	35	44	45	48	52
Ministers,	447	485	526	586	631	710	762	783
Congregations,	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465
Members,	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530
Members Unconfirmed,	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112
Baptisms, given year,	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682
Baptisms, in 3 years,	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825
Confirmed, given year,	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233
Confirmed, in 3 years,	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223
Certificate, given year,	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043
Certificate, in 3 years,	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046
Communed,	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897
Dismissed, given year,	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122
Dismissed, in 3 years,	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	119	196	144	318	387	174	1,626	1,767
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	428	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578
Deaths, given year,	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787
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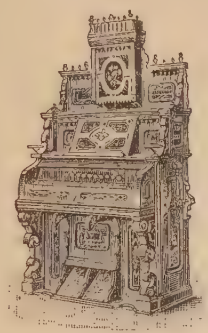

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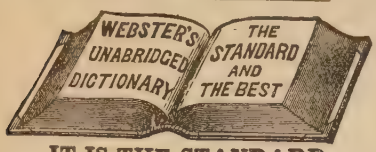

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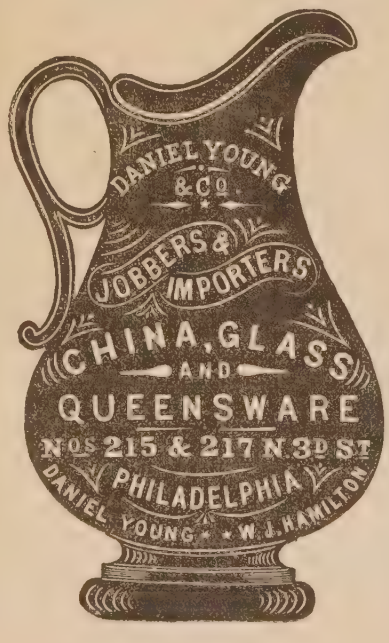

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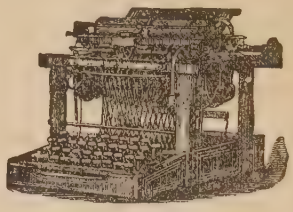

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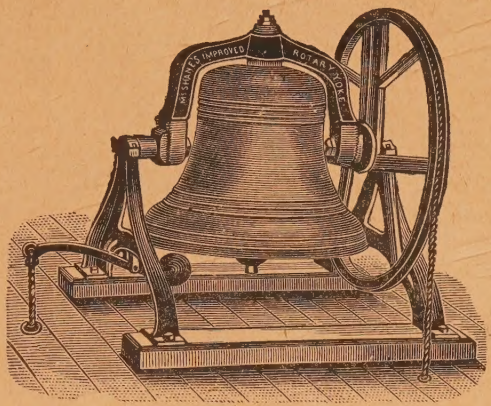

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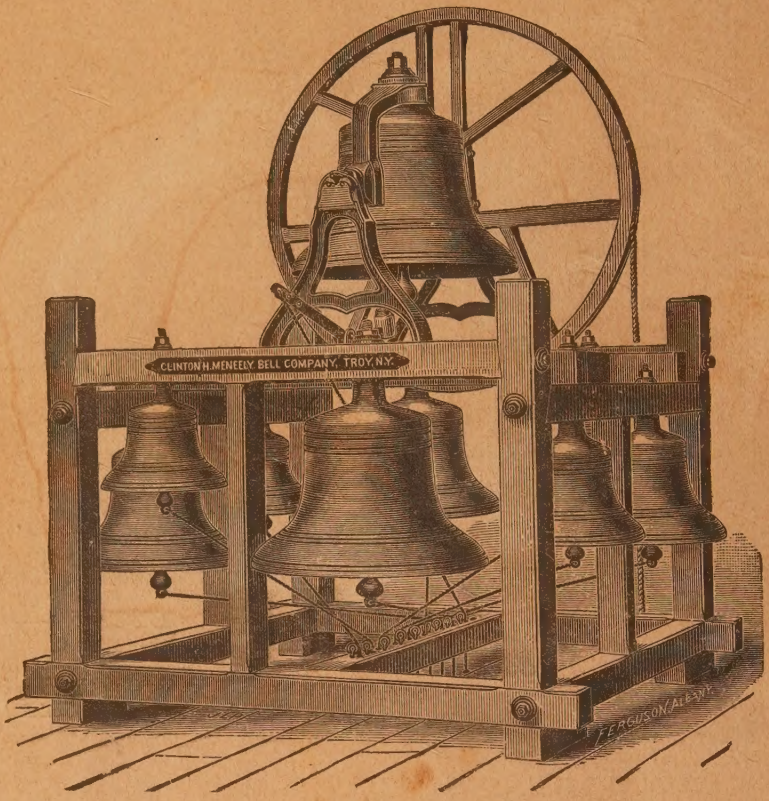

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